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THE MOIETY SYSTEM.

MR. JACKSON S. SCHULTZ BEFORE THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Mr. Jackson S. Schultz, of New-York, made an argument this morning, two hours in length, before the Committee on Ways and Means, relative to the suggested changes in the Customs laws. His speech is regarded by members of the committee as the ablest yet made upon the subject, and it created a very marked impression. At the conclusion of the argument he received the congratulations of several members of the committee. Mr. Schultz, in illustrating the severity of the present laws, cited cases only which had occurred in his personal experience. He dwelt upon the injustice of the laws with great force and feeling. Before concluding his remarks he took occasion to say that the Collector, Naval Officer, and Surveyor of the Port of New-York were all his personal friends, any one of whom he would, without hesitation, make executor of his estate, but he knew that they had their heads turned by the enormous moieties, and they really did not understand the nature of the system. He believed that if the law were changed they, as readily as any others, would recognize the enormity of the laws as they now exist. The New-York delegation expect to conclude their arguments on Monday next. It May now be stated that the committee are unanimoualy of the opinion that some change in the existing law is necessary. It has very rarely happened in the history of Congressional legislation that so important a committee has as speedily come to a unanimous conclusion on so great a subject. The great difficulty of the committee now will be to discover the modifications which may be made to relieve the merchants of a harassing system of espionage, and, at the same time, to provide adequate safeguards for the collection of the revenue.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

This morning Mr. Schultz appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means in behalf of the merchants of New-York and thanked the committee for their hearing the statements of the wrongs which they now endure. He assumed two propositions:

First—That the importing merchant has as positive and direct an interest in the proper collection of the revenue as the Government itself, and far more so, for while it is with the Government a matter of dollars it is with the merchant life or death. The merchant must discontinue business if he has to compete with those who are guilty of violating the Customs laws.

The second proposition is that the merchant is a non-producer, and no prejudice ought to exist against him by reason of his profession. He made this remark because there were persons who think the merchant must necessarily be a bad man. John Randolph once said, while the question of protection on wool was pending, that he would at any time go a mile out of his way to kick a sheep. He hoped no one would go out of his way to kick a merchant. He and those from New-York acting with him were here to ask the committee, as representatives of the Government, to give up some of the present provisions of the law intended as protection or checks, so there may be no frauds. In order to show the committee that there are checks and protection without the appliances which they sought to modify or repeal, he asked them to look at the manner in which cargoes are landed and the necessary Customs machinery attending that business. They would see there are ample means to absolutely and positively secure the revenue. He asked the committee to repeal the obnoxious laws, in order to restore the affection of the merchants to the Government, which has been alienated by the wrongs perpetrated on them. It is probably not known to every member of the committee that there are special agents of the Government roaming over Europe to bring all the consulates into harmony with reference to the official duties required of them. He wanted to say there is a looseness or demoralization in the detective system. Almost every commercial house has a traveling agent abroad. This class fall into the vices of both Europe and the United States, and, meeting at dinner parties, they get at the secret of merchants who are competitors in business. This information is paid for. The traveling agents for competing houses are not of moral worth. The information they acquire leaks out, and is used on this side for detective purposes. Mr. Schultz then particularly related the manner of taking charge of a ship on arrival, its custody by inspectors, the duties of watchmen, and matters generally with regard to the passage and delivery of cargoes, showing the checks provided by law against frauds, and contending that the Government must be responsible for the acts of its own agents. Even a bad law executed by good men may go along somewhat harmoniously. President Grant said in order to get a bad law repealed the best way was to enforce it. You are now, Mr. Schultz remarked, enforcing laws which we desire and hope will, in consequence, be repealed. He then explained how "honest frauds"—so called—or irregularities are committed, owing to merchants following the law, instead of being controlled by the Treasury regulations, which they do not, or but seldom, see. Again, the law taxes certain articles specifically when the merchant has purchased at ad valorem prices. In this connection he referred to Harvey Barnes, a man of seventy-five years of age, an importer of sugar. This gentleman, owing to mistakes not his own, was charged with having forfeited the whole cargo, worth $54,000. He found this man in prison under a charge of undervaluation where the Government had not taken a cent. The case was settled for the old man by paying $10,000. It took the last dollar he had. Mr. Schultz did not find this man's name in the Government printed statement, and therefore suggested that the Treasury be more particular in its own statements, it being very exact with those of others. He alluded to another case, that of Mr. Downing, who was charged with cheating the Government out of $240. The matter was settled for $30,000. This gentleman had left the country, and did not, after being thus treated, wish to be called an American citizen any more. Something had been said about no foreign vessels ever having been seized, but he had authority from the German lines of steamers to say that they had been permitted to give bonds in the sum of $300,000, in order to let their ships go. The release from the bond cost them from $3,000 to $4,000. The trouble grew out of some misdoing of a Captain or mate. The agents of the steamer say they constantly exercise watchfulness to prevent frauds or smuggling, and make searches to that end. Only two or three of such cases had been discovered.

Mr. Schultz then referred to commercial attorneys and experts, who are always ready to settle difficulties; men who get up fruit and ribbon cases, drawing hundreds of thousands from the Treasury in such cases alone, but giving the merchant not over twenty-five per cent. These experts and attorneys always get up the jobs. He asked that there be a limit to the liability of the merchant. The law now runs five years; the merchants want it to run two years. Owing to the present hardships and unjust annoyances the merchants, he said, some of them, were now drawing out of business. He knew something about the salt case. Gen. Butler told him there was nothing flagrantly wrong in it, and that they charged Story only $50,000, when they could have charged him $1,000,000, when Mr. Schultz replied: "Most excellent Judge." [Laughter.] Mr. Schultz said he was acquainted with the present officers of the New-York Custom-house—the Collector, Surveyor, and Naval Officer—and his relations with them were personally and politically pleasant. He did not say, nor wish to be understood as intimating, that they act from improper motives, but these moieties have turned their heads. They act as judges when, owing to their interests in moieties, they cannot naturally be impartial in that capacity. He believed their better sense and judgment would yield to what the merchants ask. There was not one man among them he would not make executor of his will, but these moieties having overcome them they know not what they do.

Mr. Schultz, after speaking an hour and a half, presented to the committee the proceedings of the New-York Chamber of Commerce as indicating the desired reforms, and, in conclusion, spoke of the means to which special agents and detectives resort for the purpose of exacting money from merchants, referring to Phelps, Dodge & Co. as furnishing a case in point. He mentioned that Mr. Story would be in New-York next week to present to the committee his views in connection with the salt case.

The committee then adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

CALIFORNIA.

THE LATE CHARGES AGAINST THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO—A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTY JUDGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—A mass-meeting held at Platt's Hall, to-night, to sustain the action of County Judge Stanly in his late charge to the Grand Jury against Mayor Otis and County Treasurer Hubert, of this city, for alleged breach of that portion of the Consolidation act (the city charter) relating to the custody and disbursement of public funds, was largely attended. The hall, which holds 2,500 persons, was densely packed. The meeting was called to order by Hon. Samuel Soule, who nominated Judge S. C. Hastings as Chairman. The Chairman then addressed the meeting at some length in relation to the necessity of upholding that part of the Consolidation act governing the collection, management, custody, and disbursement of the public funds. He urged that no discretion in the matter was permitted by the law, and none should be allowed to any official, no matter how high his station or honest his motives. The speaker warmly eulogized Judge Stanly's course in this case, and proceeded to trace the bankruptcy of the City of New-York and other large Eastern cities to the neglect and disregard of such laws by those having custody of the public funds. He concluded by hoping that a law would be so framed that any official guilty of placing public funds in any bank except as a special deposit should be sent to the Penitentiary.

Hon. S. Soule also expressed the same sentiment. Henry E. Highton then proceeded at length to lay the case before the meeting, commencing by asking if the law had been broken or not. He proceeded to show in detail that such had been the case, and that, all argument to the contrary notwithstanding, the money in question was not deposited in the Treasury, and did belong to the city. The certified certificates represented money due to the city and county, and not to the State. As no separation had, at that time, been made, no special deposit had taken place. Therefore the certificate of deposit simply meant that the bank which held the money owed the Tax Collector the sum of money named, and had the bank failed the city would have certainly lost the money. There has been inaugurated in this case an illegal system of the collection, custody, and disbursement of public money which, in the hands of dishonest men, would have ruined the city. The money in question had not been lost simply because the bank had remained solvent. Mr. Highton alluded to the national loss of $56,000,000 by the failure of the old United States Bank, and forcibly showed the necessity of obeying the law. Having read a letter from Judge Stanly, giving the reason for his personal absence from the meeting, and sustaining his action in the matter, the speaker offered a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, urging the vindication of the law applying to the public funds, the punishment of those who break it, no matter what their station or motives; and, if necessary, the passage of a stricter law on the same subject, and concluding with a warm vote of thanks to and confidence in the County Judge.

ANNA BISHOP GONE TO MELBOURNE—A MURDERER SENTENCED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The steamer City of Melbourne sailed to-day for Sydney, having Mme. Anna Bishop as a passenger.

Robert Manning, convicted of murder in killing a Chinaman, has been sentenced to the State Prison for life.

ARRIVAL OF THE LONDON MAILS FOR AUSTRALIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—The London mails for Australia arrived here to-night, and the steamship City of Melbourne will sail about 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

THE LAKES.

THE WATERS FREE FROM ICE—STEAMERS TO COMMENCE RUNNING.

DETROIT, Mich., March 7.—Dispatches to-day from the upper lake ports show that with the exception of some ice in Lake St. Clair, there is nothing to prevent steamers going to the upper end of the Huron River, and steamers will commence regular trips on Monday.

The Detroit and Cleveland Line commences about the 15th. A boat will leave Bay City for Alpena on Monday or Tuesday.

The ice in the Straits of Mackinaw is still solid, not showing as much signs of breaking up as it did a week ago.

At Sault St. Marie the weather is mild, but the ice is still solid. Work on the canal is progressing favorably.

On Lake Superior there is very little ice between Marquette and Grand Island. At the latter place the lake is clear outside to the breakwater. Weather mild.

ESTABLISHING GRANGES IN VIRGINIA.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 7.—Hon. T. A. Thompson, of Iowa, the granger agitator, addressed a large number of farmers to-day from the steps of the City Hall, Norfolk. In compliance with his suggestions a county grange is to be established here. On Monday he will address the farmers in the neighborhood of Petersburg, Va., with the same object.

SUICIDE OF A STEAM-BOAT CAPTAIN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., March 7.—James Turner, Captain of the steamer Isis, of the Roanoke River Line, a well-known citizen of this State, committed suicide to-day at noon, by cutting his throat aboard his boat, while opposite Childry Landing, N. C. He leaves a wife and two children at Petersburg.

TRAGEDY IN CONNECTICUT.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., March 7.—A terrible tragedy occurred in Wallingford, ten miles above this city, this forenoon. One John Anderson, a Swede, living in this city, had been a workman in the wheel factory of Hall & Parmalee, in Wallingford, but had thrown up his job. He went up there on Thursday and assaulted the man who had been appointed in his place, and was arrested. He was afterward released on bail. He went up again this morning and entered the factory with two loaded revolvers. He first fired at the man who had taken his place, the second shot taking effect in the shoulder. He then shot Horatio Hall in the temple. He next fired at the Treasurer without hitting him. Then he went up stairs and shot himself in the head. Soon after he came down and fired indiscriminately at the workmen without injuring any one. He then went out and cut his throat. He will probably soon die. Hall is also fatally wounded.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

BOSTON, Mass., March 7.—The inquest into the shooting of McLaughlin on Thursday night, in the club-room of the Bunker Hill Yacht Club, has resulted in charging James Dwight with the murder, and he was committed for trial.

ENGLAND.

A QUEEN'S BON MOT—METROPOLITAN GOSSIP.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 21, 1874.

An amusing but amiable witticism is attributed to the Queen, which, in its way, is almost good enough to have been uttered by one of those recognized humorists who have occasionally adorned thrones. Some one at the court had spoken disparagingly (of course) of the hostile criticisms pronounced by Sir Charles Dilke on the civil list. "It is strange," Queen Victoria is said to have replied, "for I remember having him as a boy on my knee and stroking his hair. * * * I suppose," added her Majesty, after a moment's pause, "I must have stroked it the wrong way."

TWICE KILLED.

It must be gratifying to Lord Russell to find that a question has been raised as to who had first the honor of comparing him to a street-boy writing up "No Popery" on the shutters, and then running away. The idea was supposed to have originated with *Punch*, who presented it to the public, March 22, 1851, in the form of a caricature which became famous. But Col. Richards, the editor of the *Morning Advertiser*, claims to have thought of it some time before, and to have introduced it in an article which appeared in a little periodical called *The Mirror of the Time*, Dec. 4, 1850. The dates tell certainly in favor of Col. Richards; but, apparently, his pen was found less expressive than John Leech's pencil, for whereas the article made no impression, the caricature was seen and talked of all over the country. "The noble Lord," wrote Col. Richards, "had an applauding audience; the shutter was there and the chalk in his hand; in large, bold characters he wrote "No Popery," with a very small "here;" and then, having rapped with the brazen knocker, and rung a bell at the area gate of John Bull, he tries to walk away whistling, having done his duty like a boy." Col. Richards, who has started many things, and who regards himself as the founder of the volunteer movement in England, has also a bone to pick with Col. George Chesney, of the Royal Engineers, author of the *Battle of Dorking*. Col. Richards had told the same story that Col. Chesney narrates of the invasion of England and the discomfiture of the English Army in a magazine article which made the decisive engagement take place, not, indeed, at Dorking, but at Boxhill, in the immediate neighborhood. Here, again, Col. Richards, notwithstanding his undoubted literary ability, must have failed to handle his subject with the skill displayed by the gentleman who afterward, by Col. Richards' own showing, treated the same subject and made it his own. He should remember that plagiarism has always been looked upon as a justifiable offense in cases where an author is not only robbed, but is at the same time killed. Now Col. Richards has, by his own confession, been twice robbed, and each time killed—killed so thoroughly that, struggle as he may, he will never get his existence recognized as the veritable author either of "The boy who chalked up 'No Popery' and ran away," or of *The Battle of Dorking*.

A NEW THEATRE.

The "Criterion Theatre"—a play-house attached to the new and enormous restaurant of the same name at the corner of Piccadilly and Regent street—is to be opened the second week in March, with a comedy written by Mr. Byron for Mrs. John Wood, entitled "An American Lady," and a short fairy piece by Mr. W. S. Gilbert. The business manager of this novel enterprise is Mr. Hingston; the manager for dramatic purposes, Mr. Byron. The proprietors are Messrs. Spiers & Pond, who do for our railways in the way of food and drink what Mr. W. H. Smith does for them in the way of literature and news. In other words, Messrs. Spiers & Pond hold from the companies a monopoly for the sale of refreshments as Mr. W. H. Smith (M. P.) enjoys a monopoly for the sale of journals and books.

A NEW PLAY.

Mr. Wills' new drama "Mary Queen o' Scots," (observe the "o" with an apostrophe,) or, "The Catholic Queen and the Protestant Reformer," is to be produced on Monday night at the Princess' Theatre; *Mary Stuart*, Mrs. Rousby; *John Knox*, Mr. Rousby. There is no more reason for supposing that John Knox was ever in love with Mary Queen of Scots than that that energetic champion of Protestantism in the present day, "Dr. Cumming, of Scotland," is in love at this moment with Queen Isabella of Spain—the great original of Offenbach's "Grand Duchess of Gerolstein." We may be sure, however, that in Mr. Wills' piece "the beautiful Mrs. Rousby" will, once more, justify the application to her name of the epithet now inseparable from it. Whatever be the fate of the work, Mrs. Rousby cannot fail to look charming in the costume of "Mary Queen o' Scots," which, in itself, will insure a certain amount of success.

A "SUCCES D'ESTIME."

The "White Pilgrim," now being played at the Court Theatre, has met with what the French call a "*succès d'estime*," which means that it is not esteemed a success by the general public. The subject is a Scandinavian legend, in which a certain "white pilgrim" plays the antics of a ghost, or "fetch," or spirit of some kind. The incidents are melodramatic, the style is sufficiently poetical, the author is Mr. Hermann Merivale, son of the Hermann Merivale, just deceased, who wrote *Historic Studies*, and held the office of Permanent Under Secretary of State for India. The piece has been produced anonymously, which, under the circumstances, was inevitable, seeing that, in accordance with arrangements made beforehand, it had to be brought out within a few days of the death of Mr. Hermann Merivale, the father.

AIDE'S NEW PIECE.

Mr. Hamilton Aidé's "Philip," partly founded, as you are aware, on an incident in one of Balzac's shorter tales, is doing well at the Lyceum, with that very able actor, Mr. Irving—the greatest actor we now possess—in the principal character. That closet at the side, or at the back of the stage, which plays a part in so many farces, is, in "Philip," turned to good dramatic and almost tragic account, and Mr. Hamilton Aidé is much applauded for having introduced on the stage what by many is considered an entirely new species of incident. A similar scene, however, to that which has struck Mr. Aidé's fancy in "La Grande Bretèche" is to be found in M. Victorien Sardou's "Maison Neuve," represented last Summer at the Princess' Theatre, with Mlle. Desclée in the principal character. Here, (as American play-goers are already aware,) a young married lady receives unexpectedly a visit from a more than Platonic admirer in an advanced state of intoxication, administers to him a dose of laudanum and water, which she conceives to be a sovereign remedy for his complaint, and, having pretty well poisoned him, pushes him out into the drawing-room balcony, shuts the door of the window, and leaves him.

A RUSSIAN SITUATION.

A far better shutting-up scene, however, than that of Sardou in "Maison Neuve," or of Balzac himself in "La Grande Bretèche," is one that forms the first of a series of dramatic situations in a Russian story, which has been narrated by a good many French authors, (among others by Alexandre Dumas either in his "Causes" or his "Crimès Célèbres,) and presented by one in the form of a drama which, however, was never brought out on the stage. The daughter of an old General is, according to custom, in love with her father's aid de camp. The father suspects the aid de camp of wishing to become his son-in-law, forbids his daughter to speak to him, and, to get the young man out of the way, sends him to some distant port. Before leaving the officer wishes, of course, to see the young girl who, however, is so closely watched that she can only receive him in her own room, whither she tells her maid to bring him. All at once the terrible General taps at the door; the aid de camp is hurried into that cupboard which some dramatists think available only for comic purposes; the young girl shuts him in; the General commences what Mr. Disraeli would have called a "prolix narrative;" and when, after he has at last finished talking and left the room, the daughter flings open the cupboard-door and the lover falls forward—dead! how the maid's lover, a Russian peasant, is now introduced, who carries off the body to bury it under the ice of a neighboring river; how, subsequently, the said present gets drunk in the presence of the young lady, and, profiting by his knowledge of what has happened, takes liberties with her, and ultimately asks her for a kiss; how the young lady gives to the serf the kiss he had boasted he could obtain, and at the same time presents him and his friends with enough vodka to make them all helplessly intoxicated; how she sets on fire the road-side inn in which the boors who have insulted her have been drinking, and are now lying prostrate on the ground; how the maid, finding that her intended husband has been burned to death, forms projects of vengeance, and, without knowing who is responsible for his cremation, suspects her young mistress, whom she at last accuses and brings to sorrow—all this need not now be told in detail, my only object in citing the story being to give one more example of the use of the cupboard, not as a crime but as a tragic means of effect.

THE OPERATIC CAMPAIGN.

The opera campaign is already about to begin, and of our two operatic managers Mr. Mapleson, usually the second, will this year be the first in the field. The arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will be the signal for the commencement of that long series of balls, dinners, operatic performances, flower-shows, garden parties, fancy fairs, and other devices for bringing fashionable people together in crowds, which, given one after the other in rapid succession, and, indeed, without intermission, from the beginning of April to the end of June, make up the attractions of that feverish period known as the "London season." The first representation at her Majesty's Opera (Mr. Mapleson's company, with Nilsson, Titiens, Di Muraka, Campanini, &c.,) is fixed, I believe, for the 13th of March, the first at the Royal Italian Opera (Mr. Gye's company, with Patti, Queen, Albani, Faure, Graziani, &c.,) for a week or so later. Neither of the prospectuses has appeared; but it is known that one of the novelties on which Mr. Mapleson chiefly counts is Balfe's opera of "Quentin Durward," with Mlle. Nilsson in the principal part.

S. E.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The *News*, of Galveston, Texas, has a special dispatch dated Bryan, Texas, which says a large fire occurred there this morning. The sufferers are: McQueen & Davis, loss $20,000; insured for $6,000. A. Kaiser, loss $20,000; insured for $12,000. Frank Clark, loss $5,000; no insurance. Parker & Flippens, loss $5,000 to building; insured for $2,500.

R. F. Georges' drug warehouse in Galveston, Texas, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $8,000; no insurance.

A fire at Fremont, Neb., yesterday, nearly destroyed the Fremont House.

LOCAL FIRES.

About 9 o'clock last evening flames were discovered issuing from the malt-house of Wm. J. Preston at the corner of Taylor street and Kent avenue, Williamsburgh. The alarm was at once sent out from a neighboring box, and in a few minutes the fire-engines had several strong streams of water playing on the building. The fire, however, had been burning for some time before the flames were discovered, and the engineer in charge deemed it advisable to send out a second alarm. The engines came quickly in response to the second alarm, and after half an hour's hard work the flames were brought completely under control. The building, which is of brick and five stories in height, was damaged to the extent of about $2,000. Twenty thousand bushels of malt, worth about $2·50 a bushel, stored in the building, were damaged a good deal by smoke and water, as were also 3,000 bushels of flax-seed. The damage altogether is estimated at about $20,000, upon which there is some insurance. The names of the companies in which the property is insured could not be ascertained. The cause of the fire is unknown.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Sixty thousand shad were shipped from Portsmouth, Va., yesterday, for the New-York and Boston markets.

Edward McGarry and Joseph Worthline fell from the new Adams Express building at Philadelphia, while painting, and were terribly injured.

Mr. Joseph Langworth, of Cincinnati City, has donated $50,000 Government bonds as an endowment for the Art Department of the Cincinnati University.

William Burnett, of Philadelphia, fell from the new Girard Avenue Bridge forty feet upon a pile of iron, and died yesterday morning, leaving a family destitute.

The insurance on Hillsdale College was $40,000, of which $5,000 was in the Westchester; $5,000 in the Etna; $5,000 in the Fireman's Fund, and $10,000 in the Girard Insurance Company.

In a quarrel over drinks at Sharp's Hotel, at Rahway, N. J., on Friday evening, David C. Stiles, a prominent citizen of Linden, was fatally stabbed in the abdomen by Edward York, also a well-known citizen.

PLATE-GLASS PRACTICE.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning Officer Webb, of the Fifty-ninth street Police, while patroling his beat heard the loud crash of the breaking of a large pane of glass. Hastening in the direction of the noise he saw a man run down Fifty-seventh street. After the officer reached No. 955 Third avenue he found that Fritz Handrich's large show-window had been smashed in, the missile used being a piece of Belgian pavement. Mr. Handrich went to the Police Station after he had been told that his show-window had been broken, and told the Sergeant that it was one of the largest in the neighborhood, and had cost him over $150. It had been utterly destroyed. Several weeks ago, he added, he had had some trouble with one John Cannon, of No. 255 East Fifty-seventh street. Cannon then threatened to break his windows, and several days ago one of his smaller windows had been broken by a stone thrown from the street. Detectives McGowan and Levins worked all day on the case, and about 6 o'clock last evening arrested Cannon and Benjamin F. Brady, of No. 145 East Fifty-ninth street. In the Police Station, Cannon said that Brady and he had been on a spree, and were near Handrich's early yesterday morning. He said that Brady broke the window, but he tried his best to persuade him not to throw the stone. Cannon was recognized by Officer Webb as the man he saw running at the time the window was broken. Cannon and Brady were locked up.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE ASHANTEE WAR—CAPTURE OF COOMASSIE.

LONDON, March 7.—A dispatch has been received at the War Office from Sir Garnet Wolseley, dated the 7th ult., saying: "Coomassie has been captured and burned. The King has fled. The British troops have commenced their return march unhindered."

Another dispatch, dated the 9th of February, says: "Ashantee messengers have just arrived requesting a treaty of peace. I will remain with the native troops until the 13th or 14th to allow time for negotiations."

GENERAL ORDER ON THE FALL OF COOMASSIE.

LONDON, March 7.—Upon the fall of Coomassie Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley issued a general order to his troops complimenting them upon their bravery, and congratulating them upon their success. In conclusion he said: "England is proud of such men, and I am proud of the honor of commanding them."

A NEW POEM BY TENNYSON.

LONDON, March 7.—A poem by Alfred Tennyson, the poet laureate, in celebration of the marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh, is published to-day.

THE TICHBORNE CASE—PROMINENT PERSONS TO BE PROSECUTED.

LONDON, March 7.—Proceedings are about to be instituted against several prominent persons on a charge of entering into a conspiracy with Orton to get possession of the Tichborne estate.

AN EXPLOSION AT A FOUNDRY—TWELVE PERSONS SHOCKINGLY MUTILATED.

LONDON, March 7.—An explosion of a mold of molten iron occurred at a foundry at Sheffield yesterday, demolishing the building and shockingly mutilating twelve of the employes.

MARINE DISASTERS.

LONDON, March 7.—The bark Heiress, from Liverpool for Galveston, which ran ashore at Pontaferry, Ireland, has been hauled off and towed into Belfast.

The Athlete has arrived in Lough Foyle, leaky and with cargo shifted.

SPAIN.

STRENGTH OF THE REPUBLICAN TROOPS.

MADRID, March 7.—The total number of Republican troops operating against the Carlists in the north is 65,000.

CUBA.

CONFIRMATION OF THE DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT CESPEDES.

HAVANA, March 7.—The report of the killing of Ex-President Cespedes by some members of the San Quentin battalion is confirmed. It appears that on the 27th ultimo the troops captured a negro, and were ordered by their commander to shoot him. The negro promised, if his life was spared, to lead them to the spot where Cespedes could be found. This was assented to, and the Ex-President was discovered, with a few friends, five leagues from Ascerradero. His companions succeeded in getting away, but he could not escape, and while closely pursued by a detachment of troops, led by a Sergeant, turned and fired six shots from his revolver. This was returned by the troops, and Cespedes received bullets in the head and breast, causing instant death. His body was brought to Santiago de Cuba, and buried on the 1st instant.

CANADA.

PETITION FOR THE RELEASE OF A PRISONER.

LONDON, Ont., March 7.—A petition is being largely signed here, having for its object the release of J. B. Cornwall from the Penitentiary, where he is undergoing imprisonment for kidnapping a Southern refugee named Britton.

A NEW IRON BRIDGE.

CLIFTON, Ont., March 7.—Mr. Kennedy, Chief Engineer of the Great Western Railroad, and Mr. Clark, engineer, of Philadelphia, have examined the river here with a view of building a new double-track and iron bridge, the present suspension bridge being inadequate for railway traffic.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Mr. Price, President of the Pottstown National Bank, made his appearance at Police Head-quarters in this City this afternoon, and gave particulars of the attempted bank robbery at that place. He says three burglars made an entrance to the bank through a grating in the sidewalk about 8 o'clock on Friday evening, gagged and tied the watchman, and then commenced boring through the door of the vault: which task they kept up until 4 o'clock this morning without making the least impression on the door, the same being lined with chilled iron which they could not penetrate. The watchman was tied in the cellar to a door in such a position as to cause him to choke in case he made any attempt to free himself. He was first knocked senseless to the floor with a slung-shot in the hands of one of the villains. Mr. Price says the watchman is seriously injured, and that $5 will cover the damage to the vault-door.

SHIPPING DISASTERS—THE LATE FRESHETS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 7.—The brig Elsie, Capt. Lovegrove, which has arrived from Mayaguez, Porto Rico, reports on the passage to Porto Rico, Feb. 5, latitude 26° 07', longitude 60° 24', having passed a vessel on her beam ends, apparently of about 120 tons. Some of her spars were sticking out of the water. The steamer Newfoundland arrived from St. Johns, Newfoundland, last night, and reports having passed through 120 miles of heavy ice, and also passed a vessel, bottom up, twenty miles off Liscomb, on Friday morning.

No American mails have reached this city for three days, the New-Brunswick Railroad having been injured by the late freshets and communication interrupted. The rain-storm of Wednesday flooded a great portion of the Stewiacke Valley in Colchester County, from one to twelve feet of water being on the road in many places. The rivers in this section are very high, and all bridges on the Stewiacke and Shubenacdie Rivers have been carried away. The flood is the most destructive that has occurred in this locality for twenty years.

VERDICT AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 7.—In the case of Robert Harder, of Pittsfield, against the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to recover damages for injuries received by driving off an unprotected embankment where the company had erected a bridge, the jury, in the Superior Court at Pittsfield, returned a verdict this afternoon of $10,000 for the plaintiff.

A LADY MURDERED BY HER LOVER.

CHICAGO, March 7.—A dispatch from Detroit says W. T. Underwood, of Cleveland, came here to reside some months ago, and became enamored of Miss Anna Pridgeon, sister of the well known Capt. John Pridgeon, and one of the most beautiful and accomplished young ladies of Detroit, but she rejected his suit. Last evening, at his request, she went to walk with him, and on their return, while standing at the door of her home, he again offered himself, and she again refused, whereupon he instantly drew a knife and stabbed her in the heart. He then rushed to the Police-station and gave himself up. The wound was instantly fatal. Underwood's wife had gained a divorce from him, and had acquainted Miss Pridgeon with his character.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 8—1 A. M.—The storm centre in the Upper Missouri Valley has moved north-east over the upper lake region into Canada It was accompanied by brisk and high wind, rain and snow from the Missouri and Ohio Valleys to the lake regions. Rain fell in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, followed by winds veering to west and north; clear weather and falling temperature. Cloudy weather with rain, sleet, and snow is now prevailing in New-England. Partly cloudy weather in the Middle States. The Mississippi, Cumberland, and Ohio Rivers have continued rising.

PROBABILITIES.

For the Southern States east of the Mississippi, clear weather, north to west winds and lower temperature than on Saturday.

For the Middle States and lake region, north to west winds, diminishing in force, rising barometer, clear and clearing weather, and lower temperature than on Saturday.

For New-England, winds shifting to northerly and westerly, clear and clearing weather.

For Iowa, Missouri, and the Ohio Valley, clear weather, low temperature, and winds diminishing and gentle and fresh.

The Ohio and Cumberland Rivers continue rising quite rapidly, also the central and upper Mississippi.

IN THIS CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding day of last year, as indicated by the thermometer as Hudnut's Pharmacy, No. 218 Broadway:

	1873.	1874.		1873.	1874.
3 A. M.	23°	32°	3:30 P. M.	43°	36°
6 A. M.	23°	33°	6 P. M.	39°	34°
9 A. M.	26°	34°	9 P. M.	37°	35°
12 M.	35°	35°	12 P. M.	36°	35°

Average temperature yesterday, 34 1-4°.

Average temperature for corresponding date last year, 32 3-4°.

Average temperature for last week, 39 1-7°.

Average temperature for corresponding week last year, 25 4-7°.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS AT THE RED CLOUD AGENCY.

OMAHA, Neb., March 7.—The troops sent from Laramie to the relief of the Red Cloud Agency arrived there on the 5th inst., all well. They were delayed somewhat on account of having to throw some bridges across streams. They met no Indians, and found all quiet. There are between two and three thousand Sioux at the agency under Red Cloud, also a large number of Cheyennes and Arapahoes. It is reported that Spotted Tail's band and some Minneconjous had a fight at the Whetstone Agency on the 4th inst., which resulted in the former being driven away from the agency. The beef herds of both agencies have been raided and dispersed. No beef has been purchased at the Red Cloud Agency since Feb. 11. Matters are not considered safe nor settled, though the troops meet with no opposition en route.

A company of the Ninth Infantry will go to Grand Island to-day, to be on hand should there be any trouble with the Indians in the vicinity of the Upper Loup.

THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE AND THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., March 7.—The editorial telegraphed from yesterday's *Evening Picayune* regarding the Appropriation bill was suppressed, and did not appear in the morning edition. The *Times*, *Republican*, and *German Gazette* all report the passage of the Appropriation bill by the House. The passage of the bill seems to be generally conceded, otherwise an extra session of the Legislature would be called. Senator Anderson, one of the Senate committee, who was near the Speaker's desk when the motion was made to adopt the Senate amendments to the Appropriation bill, gives it as his opinion that at least two-thirds of the members voted yea. Gov. Kellogg, who was also present, declared the bill adopted.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Before United States Commissioner Biddle to-day, Wm. F. Brantley, contractor, had a hearing upon an alleged charge of embezzling cloth from the United States Government, and was held in $5,000 bail. The charge was preferred by Gen. Sackett, who has been in this city recently investigating offenses against the Government. Brantley had a contract in 1872 to make up clothing, and the allegation is that he sent some of the cloth to a house in Leonard street, New-York. The defendant denies the charge of embezzlement, but, it is said, admits retaining savings, which he says he had a right to do.

THE WEATHER IN THE WEST.

OMAHA, Neb., March 6.—A terrific storm of snow and sleet set in about 9 o'clock this morning and still continues. The wind is blowing at the rate of thirty miles per hour. The weather west is pleasant. There are four inches of snow at Cheyenne and Fort Laramie. The railroads west are clear, and trains are now running on time. Nothing has been heard from the troops that left Fort Laramie for the Red Cloud agency on Monday.

A CHIEF OF POLICE ARRESTED FOR BLACK-MAIL.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. March 7.—L. M. Hale, Chief of Police of Vicksburg, has been arrested, charged with black-mailing gamblers. Two witnesses swear they paid him $1,000 not to interfere with their faro games. He was held for trial in $5,000 bail.

STABBING AFFRAY IN WILLIAMSBURG.

About 8 o'clock last evening, Eugene Hamill, residing corner of Tompkins avenue and Hopkins street, was passing along Tompkins avenue, Williamsburg, when he was suddenly set upon and stabbed in the face and hand by John Davis. Hamill's cries for help attracted the attention of a Police officer, who arrived at the scene of the stabbing in time to arrest Davis. Hamill was taken to the station-house and had his wounds dressed by Dr. Lowenstein, who pronounced them serious. The cause of the stabbing is said to be that Hamill's wife some days ago procured a warrant for the arrest of Davis on a charge of assault and battery. Davis is held to await the result of Hamill's injuries.

PROBABLE WIFE MURDER.

Information was received yesterday afternoon at the Coroners' Office, through District Attorney Phelps, that Mrs. Ellen Fisher, of No. 100 West Thirty-ninth street, was in a dying condition at Bellevue Hospital from the effects of injuries received at the hands of James R. Pulles, incited by her husband, Charles E. French. The assault took place about two months ago, and immediately after Mrs. French was removed to her mother's house, in West Thirty-ninth street, where she remained until a few days ago, when, becoming worse, she was removed to Bellevue Hospital. French and Pulles were arrested after the assault and taken to Jefferson Market, but for some reason were not held.

AN INHUMAN HUSBAND.

About 11:30 last evening, Officer Kernes, of the Twenty-first Precinct, found a woman on the sidewalk at Twenty-first street and First avenue, where she had fallen utterly exhausted. He assisted her to Bellevue Hospital. There she said that her name was Sarah Lord, a domestic, twenty-three years of age, living in Williamsburg in No. 156 Fourth street. Last evening her husband, Henry Lord, quarreled with her, and ejected her from the house. She knew of no place where she could obtain shelter, but came to New-York, and had wandered about until the officer found her. She was about to become a mother, and her life is in danger from exposure and fatigue.

STREET-CLEANING.

THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION.

INEFFECTUAL EFFORTS TO DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS OF MISMANAGEMENT—THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF THE BUREAU—INCREASING ANXIETY OF CHARLICK.

The Legislative inquiry into the abuses connected with the Street-cleaning Department of this City, resumed its sessions yesterday morning at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The startling developments of the previous sessions of the committee have imparted to the Police Commission and the heads of the Street-cleaning Bureau a proper sense of the nature of their position, and every endeavor is now being made to do away with the effect produced by the extraordinary facts already elicited. For the first time the Commissioners were represented by counsel, in the person of Mr. Rufus F. Andrews, and vague rumors were assiduously put in circulation indicating the power and purpose of the Police Commissioners to controvert completely the evidence adduced in opposition to it. The stat

CURRENT LITERATURE.

A COUNTRY SABBATH.

Now soars the lark in Heaven's eyes:
Through leafy crypt now steals the stream,
With shallow dimple, sword-blade gleam,
And glimpses of divine surprise.

Heaven's golden fire and air of blue
Are drooped about the bowery world;
Withhe her holy bosom furled
The sun has drunk the rose's dew.

The landscape all around is fair.
But what remains the heart and gem;
With stealing stream, and graceful stem,
And sunlit park, and sweet parterre.

The vista fascinates my gaze;
I linger in a blessed trance,
See in a dream the waters glance,
And things that are the food of praise.

In many an English cottage round
Japonica, a glory, glows;
Her ruby-colored sister blows;
And purple pansies gem the ground.

The first laburnum droops her curls,
And mingles with the lilac's locks;
O'er golden meadows browse the flocks;
The orchard-blossom types sweet girls.

The sweet-brier sheds its heavenly breath;
I pass the wallflower's rich perfume;
And chestnut with its tint-freaked plume:
O world to banish dreams of death!

The scent of flower, the song of bird,
The lace of leaf, the light of heaven,
Are vital with a mystic leaven
We have a soul for, not a word:

Unless it be—the breash of God;
Which also breathes in yon church-bell;
It breaks on me with such a spell
Across the May-embroidered sod!

Earth, clothed with Sabbath, thou art fair!
Ye two upon each other act!
The Sabbath steeps the flowery tract,
And finer seems to make the air.

—*Chamber's Journal.*

MY GREATEST FRIGHT.

I do not think I am naturally timid. Certainly as a baby I was not, and it is, I imagine, at that age that the native disposition, unaltered by educational influences, is at its best and purest. In fact, at that age I was positively rash. So little fear had I—taking fear in the old Greek sense as "the expectation of evil"—that I actually on one occasion put my finger into the candle. Even at a later age I was so little of a coward that I more than once was known to play with matches.

It is true that by the time I went to school this foolish temerity had in some measure worn off. I was no longer like a bull, ready with shut eyes to charge at everything; but those who were with me at Dr. Tickletoby's Academy will remember that I there gave evidence of a courage above, rather than below, the average. If in the two or three fights in which I was engaged in the interests of school discipline, my opponents were somewhat smaller than myself, this was the result, not of any timidity on my part, but of Dr. Tickletoby's system of education, which was deliberately calculated to develop the intellectual at the expense of the physical side of a boy's nature. And if, as I hear has been actually done more than once, my enemies—for, alas, I have some!—should point in a depreciatory manner to the occurrence in farmer Turnut's orchard, when I led the gallant band of juvenile apple-hunters in swift retreat before the face of the awakened farmer, I would simple answer that this was in itself an evidence of no common presence of mind. At least "three other courses" were open to me. I might, as other boys have been known to do on similar occasions, have fallen flat upon my face and howled. Or I might, like an Irish patriot, have crept into the nearest cabbage-bed. Or, finally, clinging to the knees of the enraged agriculturist, I might have humiliated myself to implore his forgiveness. As it was, however, I conducted to a successful issue a sudden and masterly retreat, thereby proving myself to possess, not only a presence of mind which is and can be allied only with the highest courage, but also qualities for the conduct of irregular warfare, which would have made my fame among the ancient Parthians or the modern guerillas.

It, of course, followed naturally, in the development of what I must be permitted to call a singularly harmonious nature, that, on attaining to years of discretion, I restrained my courage within discreeter limits. In fact, this quality then matured into that true manliness which is rash neither from ignorance nor from the confidence of experience, nor, again, from mere physical exuberance, but is calm to meet any crisis which it becomes a man to meet, while at the same time fully appreciating their danger. Thus, at Oxford, I never shirked a compulsory examination. When put down for the college eight, I never attempted to evade my duty. And yet, in both cases, I was intimately penetrated with a just sense of the danger before me—in the one instance of a "pluck," in the other of a "crab." And so on in all the various concerns of University life.

And here is, perhaps, the place to make a confession which, though to a certain extent humiliating, will, I think, convince the reader of my literal honesty, and induce him to believe that in all I write about myself. I err rather on the side of a defective than of an excessive self-appreciation. I must with shame and sorrow own that in one important respect—moral, it is true, rather than physical—I have been, and I am afraid always shall be, something of a poltroon. I mean in my relations to the gentler sex. Whether it is that my admiration for these beings, partaking, as it does, of the nature of worship, begets something in my mind of the dread of the devotee, I do not know. The fact remains that I have never been introduced to a lady without at the same instant becoming aware of a sudden failure of strength in my knees, and a corresponding faltering of my voice. I am told that I blush. I know that I feel very hot. Simultaneously I have a general sensation that I should rather like to be a blot upon a tablecloth instead of a human being.

It may be in some measure due to this constitutional weakness that, though now past forty, possessed of a good income, and certainly not uglier than most men, I still remain unmarried. It is true I have had my flirtations, each one of which I meant seriously enough. But, somehow, before I could ever bring myself to the point of a declaration, some more active and less emotional rival has always stepped before me and carried off the prize. Of course I have my consolation in thinking, or rather knowing, that the fair one never could have loved me, in the true sense of the word, or she would have preferred to pine away into the palest and most shadowy old-maidhood before accepting any one but myself. This consolation, however, it must be acknowledged, is after all, as Admetus expresses himself, "a cold delight;" and, as far as I am concerned, I should, on the whole, be content with less love and more matrimony.

I think I ought now to tell you how I came to go to Ireland, where the incidents I am about to relate occurred. The fact is, my poor father, who had suffered for many years from "hereditary hip-joint"—this is what I understood the doctor to call his disease, but I may be mistaken—died almost immediately after I took my degree at Oxford—a matter of six good years, as I was always weak in divinity. Some said it was the shock of so unexpected and joyful an event that killed him. I hope not, as, if I had anticipated such a result, it would have been no trouble in the world to me to have post poned taking my degree indefinitely. The consequence was, that at the age of twenty-five I succeeded to the family property, which was situated partly in England and partly in Ireland. The English part of it, on which my poor father resided, was in good enough order—ringfence, subsoil drainage, and all that. Not so, however, the Irish. The fact is, no one had been near it for many years. My father's "hereditary hip-joint" incapacitated him for much motion, especially in the direction of Irish bogs. So the Irish estate had been quite neglected. Its nominal rental was nearly a thousand a year; but as the man who used to collect the rents had been "potted" from behind a hedge, no money had reached us for some years before my father's death. When, however, this event took place, my nearest relative, Gen. Ferefulle—my uncle—had decided in solemn family conclave (of two) that I must go to Ireland, "in order," as he expressed himself, "to put matters on a sound footing. They are a set of rascals over there," he said, getting very red in the face, as was his wont when excited. "They'd as soon stick a knife into you as look at you, the scoundrels! You must, therefore, go over there, Anthony."

I confess that, though I had studied logic at Oxford, I hardly saw the *sequitur* which seemed so convincing to my uncle. Why, because "the scoundrels would as soon stick a knife into you as look at you," I was necessarily to "go over there," I confess was not at the first blush so evident to me as I could have desired. It is true that, as my Scotch cousin, old Mrs. McCallum Nye, suggested, my uncle is my heir presumptive; but the idea thus conjured up is altogether too shocking, and could only have originated over very strong green tea. For my part, I have long since come to the conclusion that what my good uncle, who, as a military man, cannot be expected to talk with as much precision as he acts, really meant was: "These Irish are troublesome fellows, and it requires a man of your energy and courage, my dear Anthony, to keep them in proper order." At least this is how I should have expressed myself under similar circumstances.

The upshot of this conversation was that, to keep up my reputation with my uncle, I determined to visit my Irish property. I resolved, however, to go armed to the teeth—that is to say, if any weapon could be found suitable for my incisors. My property was situated in a lonely part of Tipperary, about four miles from the nearest post-town. There was no house of any pretension upon it, but in its stead a small shooting-box, which in his younger days my father had occupied for a short time each year for sporting purposes. I wrote over for some one to put this "box" in habitable order, and intimated that I was about to come over for a fortnight's shooting. I thought it, on the whole, better to say nothing about the rents, but to arrange this matter subsequently in confidential interviews with my tenants.

It was in the beginning of September that I crossed St. George's Channel. My uncle accompanied me to the steamer. I could have wished him to come further. His military training would have been invaluable. But it seemed that his honor somehow depended on his kicking a brother officer that same evening at the United Fire-eaters' Club, and this operation, with its probable consequences, would require all his time and thoughts for the present. His last words to me were (I leave out the *hors-d'œuvres* with which he was wont to garnish his discourse:) "Give it them hot, Teny, my boy. Load with slugs, and aim low. That'll tickle them, I promise you."

When the steamer was out at sea, and I began to ponder this advice, I confess I more than ever regretted that my gallant uncle had not come with me to set the example of putting it in practice. I had never been much of a sportsman. I hardly knew what slugs (except in a horticultural sense) were, and the aiming low was, after all, a very indefinite injunction. "Low" was such a purely relative term. *How* low was I to aim? Above all, why was I necessarily to aim at all, and at whom? Was I to commence a promiscuous fire over my estate on my first appearance among my devoted tenantry? And was the "Give it them hot" an historical reminiscence of Gen. Eliot and the siege of Gibraltar, and meant to have a literal application, or a mere mode of metaphorical expression? Yes; I could have wished that my uncle had postponed the vindication of his honor—by the bye, the event never found its way into the papers—and accompanied me on my difficult mission.

It is true, I was not alone. I was attended by my body-servant, a man whom I had selected for his gigantic stature and (presumably) corresponding strength and courage. I intended that he should play the part of the executive, while I reserved for myself all legislative functions. I also had with me an immense retriever, a good-sized setter—pointers are of no use in Tipperary—and a couple of spaniels. As equipment, we had a light rifle, two double-barrelled guns, a revolver apiece, and a loose assortment of bowie-knives and knuckle-dusters.

It was very nasty weather when we arrived. It seemed to me as if the shooting-box stood on a little tuft in the middle of a swamp. I was driven by a man in a frieze coat, who eyed me from time to time askant in a manner suggestive of sudden death. There was something very like the outline of a pistol in the left-hand pocket of his coat. As I know now that he was one of my tenants who had paid no rent for fifteen years, I consider I had a most fortunate escape. At the least he might have upset me in the hope of cancelling all arrears.

As a matter of fact, however, I was not upset, except morally. The door of the shooting-box was opened by a woman who really seemed to me, with all my respect for her sex, a perfect monster of ugliness. I gasped for breath when I saw her. If I know anything of physiognomy, and I once got a prize for it at school—no; that, now I think of it, was for physiology—that woman had either actually or potentially committed every crime of which a woman is capable. I shuddered, not from fear, but from loathing, and passed into the house.

I call it house, but really it was more in the nature of a cottage. It contained only four rooms, two above and two below. Of those below, one was the kitchen, the other the reception room. The two upper chambers were bedrooms; and it is a remarkable instance of the eccentricity of the Irish character, as evidenced even in house-building, that in addition to the interior staircase there was at the back an external one of stone, leading to one of those bedrooms. As I don't much care to have people walking up outside staircases into my bedroom when I am asleep, I announce told John—his real name was Albert Edward—that that would be his apartment. He grinned in a feeble and foolish manner, but said nothing.

I can't say I felt comfortable that first night. The house seemed to me so utterly defenseless. The front door, which ought to have been of stout oak, thickly studded with nails, was a mere thin plank of deal. The windows had no fastenings, and though there were shutters, they were very weak and rickety. Then the wind howled in a way I never heard in England. The old woman's conversation was not more cheerful than her face. A good many people, according to her account, had come to grief at different times in the bog behind the house. If you trod on a soft place, you descended through a kind of slush a depth of sixty feet at least, and never came up again. Then it seemed that my father's former agent had been the last person to occupy the house, and his "potting" had been performed from behind the hedge which bounded the road to the front door. So, as the old woman observed, it wasn't all wind that we heard; some of it was ghosts.

I was really glad when the horrible old thing said she must go. She belonged to a cottage about half a mile off, or perhaps I should say the cottage belonged to her. She too was one of my tenants, in so far as condescending to squat on my property could make her one. I never heard that she had been at any time insulted by a call for rent.

When she had gone John and I sat for some time by the kitchen fire drinking whisky. Then I made him load all the fire-arms, and we prepared to go to bed. We distributed the dogs throughout the house. I took into my room the retriever, as being the biggest. John possessed himself of the setter as his companion for the night. The two spaniels were given the range of the rooms and entrance passage down stairs. Then I bolted my door, and, with the retriever on the mat before it and my weapons within easy reach of my bed, attempted to sleep. It was not, however, till morning dawned that I succeeded. I need scarcely say that it was not timidity that kept me awake. It was the actual noise of the wind and the uncomfortable sensations always excited in finely-strung organizations by a strange bed.

The next day I formed a sudden, and, as I thought, sagacious resolution. I would make the personal acquaintance of my tenantry, and study their character and habits before I commenced the business which had brought me to Ireland. By way of a beginning, I determined to take vigorously to shooting. I did not think it necessary to mention this to my uncle, when writing to announce my arrival. It is so difficult to explain things properly in a letter.

I got the old woman to provide me with a guide. It seemed that there were two tolerably safe approaches to my abode; the one the road I had come last night from the post-town, the other a less formal way leading to the nearest gentleman's house. I chose the latter, meaning to diverge from time to time whenever a "gamey bit" should present itself. I only got one shot—at a jack snipe. He dropped, not indeed at the instant I fired, though very soon afterward; but it was in such a dangerous part of the bog that we were obliged to leave him.

About a mile and a half from my "box" there was a very pretty little hill, on which stood a well-built and comfortable-looking house. It was inhabited, so my guide told me, by a Mr. O'Shindy, a very fine Irish gentleman of the old school, and his family. The ancestors of Mr. O'Shindy had, it appeared, at some remote period of Ireland's history, governed that part of the country according to the laws of tanistry, and their descendants had in consequence the local status of Kings, Queens, Princes, or Princesses, as the case might be. Moreover, in view of this state of affairs, their tenantry had fewer conscientious scruples with respect to the payment of rent than the tenantry of Saxon proprietors, and the O'Shindies were in consequence in very comfortable circumstances.

On all relating to the O'Shindies the guide was very communicative. According to his account, and it seemed to me he repeated the assertion with an offensive emphasis of comparison on the personal pronoun, "*He* was a rale gintleman." About Mrs. O'Shindy there was less effusion of sentiment, unless, indeed, the description of her as "a bit soft" may be viewed in that light. But the young and only daughter seemed to stir all the poetry of my guide's fine Celtic nature. She was clever, and more amiable than either. Then, too, she had such a "sperrit." She rode better to hounds than any other lady within fifty miles, and had on several occasions distinguished herself for her almost masculine courage.

As I heard all this, it was not in human nature but that the thought should slide into my mind, "To judge by this description, how exactly Miss O'Shindy and myself would suit each other! She is famous for her courage; so am I. She will hear of the hazardous mission in which I am even now engaged, and this cannot fail to give her the most favorable impression of my character."

Just as this thought was passing through my mind, we had reached a kind of hedge in which there was a gap. Still meditating, I passed through the gap, and was advancing slowly, when I saw the figure as of an old gentleman with white hair some way in front of me, and became aware that this figure was not only shouting vehemently, but also brandishing a stick with extreme fury. The fine instinct of the gentleman, which never deserts me for a moment, at once told me that I was an intruder, and led me to withdraw with, perhaps, even more rapidity than was consistent with graceful motion. But the old gentleman was not to be thus appeased. He bore down upon the scene of action with considerable velocity, and, as he came nearer, I could see that even my uncle's face had no pretension to compete with his in crimson glory. There seemed no doubt that, without even intending it, I had been already carrying out my uncle's injunction and "giving it them hot," for certainly anything hotter than the countenance of the new-comer I had never up to this time beheld.

"By the blood of all the O'Shindies," he began, as soon as he got within easy speaking distance, "I'll teach ye to trespass upon me property—under me very nose too!"

I dislike a man who shouts very close to you, so I drew back a few more paces, and then said:

"I am sure, Mr. O'Shindy, you will excuse the error of a stranger."

"Error of a stranger, indeed!" cried the old gentleman, more viciously than before. "What business have strangers in Ireland at all, Sir? Tell me that. Isn't it enough that ye've reduced me property bit by bit, but ye must come trampling with scorrrn on what yet remains?"

Mr. O'Shindy did not talk with much brogue, but his indignation made him trill his r's in a way which would have been alarming to any one less courageous than myself.

I did not know what to answer. I had not knowingly deprived him of any portion of his ancestral estates; but then I could not but see that it was very probable, from what my guide had told me, that all that property which I now called mine had, at some former epoch, belonged to the O'Shindy royal family. So it really seemed as if in this respect he had some cause of complaint. And as to "trampling with scorn on what remained," there was no doubt that I had trespassed, and I was well aware that my habitual carriage was so lofty—especially since I had taken my degree—that it might not impossibly convey to the mind of a stranger some idea of contempt. So, considering all this, I drew back yet a little further, and remained silent.

The guide came to the rescue.

"This, honor, is a gintleman as has come over from Ingland to collect his rints," he said, in a brogue which I despair of reproducing on paper; and at the same time I thought I detected him exchanging a significant glance with Mr. O'Shindy.

"Oh, if that's the case," said the latter, rather grimly, "he's not likely to be here very long, and it's a pity he shouldn't have his fling."

There seemed to me to be some latent meaning in the old gentleman's speech, but taken literally it was harmless enough. I had no intention of remaining very long, and it was therefore only common courtesy to let me see all I wanted, or, as Mr. O'Shindy metaphorically expressed it, to "have my fling."

I found afterward that this gentleman had inherited from his kingly ancestors an uncomfortable habit of flying into a tremendous rage on very slight provocation. His passion, however, was apt to go as suddenly as it came, and this was the case now.

"I am afraid," he said, with a change of manner which startled me almost more than his recent fury, "I am afraid you must think my mode of address rather abrupt, Mr.—Mr.—?"

"Aldred," I suggested, stiffly.

"Aldred," continued the old gentleman. "The fact is, this spot is at certain times overrun with tourists, who have no right to be in the neighborhood. But you, as I gather, are our nearest neighbor, and, under these circumstances, my first duty, as well as pleasure, is to offer you my poor hospitality."

I think I should have declined this obliging offer if I had not, at that moment, caught sight of a white dress fluttering behind the hedge which inclosed Mr. O'Shindy's lawn. The old gentleman seemed to divine my thoughts, for he said, "My mother and daughter will be very happy to make your acquaintance."

I could not resist this renewed invitation, so we went together toward Mr. O'Shindy's house. On entering the garden we found ourselves face to face with two ladies. The elder was one of the very oldest-looking ladies I had ever seen. Mr. O'Shindy himself appeared quite juvenile beside her. The other was a young lady of two or three and twenty, whose appearance was all that my guide's description had led me to expect.

Mr. O'Shindy introduced me to the ladies as Mr. Aldred, who had come to Ireland to collect his rents.

"He's very young," said the old lady, whom I now remembered the guide to have described as "a bit soft." "And he's very like poor Mr. Gathers."

Mr. Gathers was the agent who had had the misfortune to be "potted."

"Well, really," said Mr. O'Shindy, laughing, "there can't be such a very great resemblance, as poor Mr. Gathers was past fifty when he died, and this gentleman cannot be more than five-and-twenty."

"Fifty and five-and-twenty!" snorted the old lady contemptuously. "Why, how you talk, Matthew! Young people are always alike. It's only age that brings out the individual. Come, now, can you tell the difference between a small child of four and a big child of two?"

Mr. O'Shindy was compelled to own that he would not lay heavy odds on his powers in this respect, and the old lady declared herself satisfied. Her own age gave her, of course, an authority in such matters at least equal to that of two ordinary individuals.

Meanwhile I had been blushing and stammering in front of Miss O'Shindy. I imagine that a lady of two-and-twenty is a good deal older than a man of five-and-twenty. At any rate, she took the lead in our dialogue. She seemed, notwithstanding my embarrassment, to be favorably impressed with me, for she said, with an air of the utmost sincerity:

"I do so admire your courage, Mr. Aldred."

I was not, then, deceived. Courage I had always known to be my strong point, and it was already producing on her the effect I desired. I guessed, of course, to what she referred; but not knowing what else to say, and being at the moment on the verge of a conversational syncope, I caught at the nearest monosyllable:

"Why?"

She smiled, oh, so prettily, showing such sweet little rows of pearls, and said:

"Because, as no doubt you know, it's very dangerous indeed for an Englishman to collect his rents about here."

"Why, what do they do?" I asked; for there was a precision in her speech which brought the idea of danger very forcibly before me.

"Oh, you know, Mr. Aldred," she answered, with another smile. "What did they do to poor Mr. Gathers?"

It seemed to me rather odd that she should smile at the recollection of such a melancholy occurrence. But then, I suppose, in Ireland one gets so used to these things.

We had a good deal more conversation; but I confess the fate of Mr. Gathers occupied my thoughts during the whole time. I am always ready to meet my man in fair fight, but to be "potted" from behind a hedge is neither just nor agreeable.

When I rose to take leave, Mr. O'Shindy insisted upon accompanying me home. I begged him not to incommode himself.

"Oh, I shall like the walk," he said; "and besides, there are one or two awkward hedges on your way, and it's getting darkish. My presence will be a protection."

It seemed to me when I heard this speech, uttered in the most matter-of-fact way, that things were getting very ticklish indeed. I was evidently supposed to carry my life in my hand. This might be a highly honorable, but it was also a somewhat tiresome, position. If only my uncle had been with me to aid me with his military experience!

On the whole, I thought it no more than justifiable diplomacy to endeavor to disabuse the mind both of Mr. O'Shindy and of my guide of the idea that I had come to collect my rents; so I turned sharp round on the latter, who was walking some paces behind, and said:

"Who told you, Rory, that I was come to collect my rents?"

"We knows it, yer honor."

"Well, you know quite wrong; such an idea never entered my head."

Rory shook his own in an ominous manner, and said:

"I allus said as how yer honor never would collect them."

The remark had evidently a double meaning. The guide did not believe my assertion, but had, no doubt, knowledge of some conspiracy which would effectually prevent me from carrying out my supposed purpose.

"It is truly a noble peasantry," said Mr. O'Shindy; "but when once they get an idea into their heads it is very difficult to eradicate. And of all ideas, the one they hate most is that of an Englishman collecting rents. That sad accident to Mr. Gathers is a case in point."

"Accident!" I exclaimed. "Was it an accident?"

"I suppose so," he said, "since no one was ever punished for it. What else are you to call it? A man sits behind a hedge for hours, and shoots nobody and nothing—a sufficient presumption that he is not there for shooting purposes. All at once the gun goes off, some one happens most unluckily to be in front of the muzzle, and the result is—an accident. It is most unfortunate."

I must say I found Mr. O'Shindy's conversation the reverse of cheerful. Added to this, it was now almost dark. I think I must have been tired too, for my knees seemed to be giving way beneath me.

At last we reached my abode. I pressed Mr. O'Shindy to enter, but he declined. Before taking leave, however, he drew me a little apart, and said in a whisper:

"If you take your guide with you on your shooting excursions, it might be as well not to let him carry your gun. He isn't very strong, you know, and in a bad part of the bog he might slip, and it might go off in his hands. You understand?"

That horrible marshy climate must have affected me; for, as Mr. O'Shindy said this, I felt a cold sweat stand out on my forehead. Then Mr. O'Shindy added:

"If you should ever want assistance in the night, or anything of that sort, you have only to come to us."

"Yes," I thought, with intense suppressed irony; "that's all. I've only to come to you, in pitch darkness, over a mile and a half of quaking bog, and pursued by a score of bloodthirsty ruffians—that's all."

"And remember we shall always be glad to see you, Mr. Aldred, for the short time that that pleasure may be possible."

Again the marsh ague seized me.

"For the short time that that pleasure may be possible!" I thought. "Confound the old croaker!"

Then Mr. O'Shindy shook hands with me in a cordial if melancholy manner, and went on his homeward way. My first thought was to see that John was safe. He answered my call all right. Then I proceeded to dismiss the guide, paying him liberally, but telling him I should not require his services again for the next few days, by which I meant—never.

"And as to that foolish idea of yours, Rory, that I am come to collect my rents, pray get it out of your head as quickly as you can, and tell my friends about here that it's all a mistake. I've come to improve their cottages and all that."

The wretched man only shook his head gloomily. It was clear he was not convinced. I began really to think that my days were numbered.

That night the wind howled so frightfully that I could not sleep at all, but sat up with John and the four dogs, drinking whisky-punch. I don't mean, of course, that the dogs drank whisky-punch, only that they sat up, or rather lay down, with us.

The next morning I sent John to reconnoitre the hedges in the immediate neighborhood, and then set out for the town, in order to consult the chief of the country constabulary as to the dangers of my position. I arrived safely at my destination, and found the gentleman I sought.

"Well, Mr. Aldred," he said, when I had detailed the circumstances of the case, "there is no doubt that public opinion is very sensitive in these parts on the question of rent. I should not be doing my duty if I did not tell you that you are in a position of some danger."

"Could you give me a constable as bodyguard?"

"He would be quite useless. It is nearly as easy to 'pot' two men as one. And the first effect would be to make you still more obnoxious to the local public. Your only course is to try to allay suspicion, and to be very cautious in your movements. Of course, should anything happen to you, you may depend upon it that no effort on my part shall be spared to bring the offenders to justice. The majesty of the law shall, if possible, be vindicated."

It is odd how differently the same question can strike different minds. This was the part of the matter which seemed to possess the chief, if not only, interest for the police official.

"But," I said, "my object in coming to you is to obtain protection during life, not vindication after death."

"Sir," he replied, becoming very sententious, "law is law, and sentiment is sentiment. Your present application is sentiment. Should your fears be realized, then an offense will have been committed—that's law; and we shall know how to act."

On hearing this, I think I should have returned that same evening to England, (for what is the use or glory of being "potted?") but for two things. The one was a very strong desire to see Sophy O'Shindy at least one more; the other an occurrence which took place on my leaving the office of the Police Superintendent.

I was still pondering his words of wisdom, and in consequence paying no attention to what passed around me, when I suddenly felt a violent slap on my left shoulder and heard a hoarse guffaw in the corresponding ear. Looking round indignantly I saw that boisterous fellow, Turner, of Tyndall's Hall, and another Oxford friend.

"What a lark!" cried Turner. "Fancy you being here, Dred. And the talk of the town, too! It's too good!"

"What has the town got to say about me?" I asked rather defiantly.

"Oh, that you're a doomed man. That you live in a little cottage on a moor, and that two hundred Tipperary boys have sworn to have your life. It's excellent! Beats anything I ever read of."

Again the quotidian ague came over me. Two hundred sworn murderers! With all my courage, what could I hope to do against such a number?

"It may strike you as a very good joke, my dear fellow," I answered at length with solemnity; for really Turner's jesting manner seemed to me sadly out of place; "but it is a very serious matter, I can assure you. In the case of duty I carry my life in my hand."

"No doubt, and you wont carry it long there either, by all accounts. You must be very fond of what you call 'duty,' and I call 'fin,' to risk your life for it."

"A brave man should always be ready to risk it."

"In a good cause."

"And where find a better cause than bringing these misguided tenants to a sense of their duty and teaching them to discharge their obligations?"

"That is, to pay their rents?"

"Exactly," I answered, forgetting for the moment what I had told Mr. O'Shindy and my guide the night before.

The first thought that occurs on meeting an old friend is to offer him hospitality. I had been thinking of this from the moment Turner and his companion had appeared. How nice it would be to have a chat together over some whisky-punch, and how cheerful their presence would make my little cottage! As bachelors, of course, they could put up with a little roughing. I now gave my invitation, couching it in the very warmest terms.

"Much obliged, old boy," answered Turner; "but it's really too dangerous. Might get 'potted' in mistake for you, you know."

"Nonsense!" I said. "It's not so bad as all that."

"I hope not for your sake; but anyhow, I'm too timid. Besides, we have an engagement to dine here to-night. But we'll come and look you up some time, never fear. It's on the straight road from here, ain't it?"

"As straight as you can go along that road there, about four miles, and the name of the estate is Bally-mud-colly."

"All right. You'll see us one of these days. Ta-ta!"

When they were gone I looked round for John, who should have been in attendance. He was nowhere to be seen; but after waiting a few moments I saw him, to my great astonishment, emerge from a neighboring cottage. I was now so dependent upon his good offices among this bloodthirsty population, that I did not care to run any risk of offending him by administering the rebuke he deserved, and only said: "You have some friends here, then?"

"Yes, Sir; I come from these parts."

"The dickens you do!" I exclaimed: "I thought you told me you were an Englishman?"

"So I am, Sir; but my family's settled here."

"No more was said, and I began to think of returning home. All at once a brilliant idea struck me. I would hire a horse and covered carriage for the return journey. It must, at all events, be much more difficult to "pot" a man in a carriage than on foot. No sooner said than done. At the last moment, instead of going straight home, I ordered the driver to take me to Mr. O'Shindy's. I longed to see the fair Sophy once more, and I had a not, I think, altogether unfounded impression that she would not object to see me.

Mr. O'Shindy was out. I had what was practically a *tête-à-tête* with his charming daughter, for her grandmamma fell asleep almost immediately after my arrival, and, though perhaps "soft" in other respects, was decidedly hard as a sleeper. Sophy and I made immense progress. I do not know that I ever got on so well with a lady in so short a time. Her obvious admiration of my courage gave me a moral confidence which rendered me much less embarrassed with her than I usually am with members of her sex. Then, too, hers was a warm, impulsive Celtic nature. I made no secret of my admiration, and she certainly seemed to give me as much encouragement as it becomes a maiden to give.

When I rose to take leave, after a stay of at least an hour, I felt no longer on earth. I seemed walking in the clouds, and, if Mr. O'Shindy could have seen me, he would have been justified in repeating his speech about 'the scorrrn' with which I 'trampled' on his property. Such is the elevating influence of love.

I had myself driven home, leaning well back in the carriage. Having ordered it again for the morrow, I dismissed the driver, and then made John put up the shutters and otherwise arrange the defenses of my residence. By this time the exaltation of love had in some measure subsided, and the sense of the imminent peril in which I lived had come over me once more. I was not alarmed. But I had been warned to be cautious, and I was. I more than ever regretted the absence of my two friends. They were not only cheerful companions, but in case of an attack would have been invaluable auxiliaries.

This thought was just crossing my mind when John made his appearance unsummoned, and, of all mad requests in the world, asked to be permitted to return to the town and spend the evening there. It appeared he had been invited to a wake, and, though not an Irishman himself, he possessed a keen appetite for such Irish amusements as promised a plentiful supply of liquor. In this respect the man was truly cosmopolitan.

Of course I refused his request, and John retired, looking very sulky indeed. I was sorry for him, but what was I to do? Was I to reduce the garrison of a besieged fortress by exactly one-half with a view of effecting only a little diversion? It was clearly contrary to all the rules of war, and unfair to the half that would have to remain.

Not having slept at all the previous night, I own I was dog-tired; so I sent John and the setter to bed, and followed myself with the retriever. I need scarcely add that all the guns, pistols, &c., after being first fired off outside the front door, to scare any lurking enemy, were carefully reloaded for actual use against him, should he present himself.

For a time I slept soundly. Once I heard the retriever growling, but this was so obviously at some noise in John's room—these big men can't help making a row even when they're asleep—that it did not discompose me, and I soon went off again.

How long I slept I do not know. I only know that all at once I was awakened by a yell which made me start up in bed in horror. At the same instant all the four dogs began barking furiously.

I must own that, in spite of my courage, my heart beat with a violence which seemed likely to batter down my chest. There could be no doubt that my hour was come. My two hundred sworn enemies had encompassed the house, and nothing remained for me but to sell my life as dearly as possible.

The horrible yell was repeated. It seemed to proceed from many throats, and from the front of the house. It was to my mind a singular proof of the dimensions to which lawlessness had attained in Ireland that these murderers should attempt no concealment, but burst out in yells which elsewhere would have roused the country.

For one awful instant I remained in bed, grasping the bed-clothes with a firm, indomitable hand. Then, light as a fawn, I leaped out of bed with such far-reaching agility that I lighted, without intending it, on my retriever, who at once changed his bark into a howl of agony. I felt that it was above all things necessary that John should be aroused. I knew how soundly he slept, and the ruffians might murder him in his sleep.

I rushed into his room. I flew to his bed. It was empty, with the exception that the setter was standing upon it and barking furiously.

Where was John? A horrible misgiving crossed my mind. What if he were leagued with my enemies? The door leading to the outside staircase was open. I gently closed and bolted it, and considered what to do next.

The whole time there was the sound of hoarse voices, mingled with occasional yells in front of the house. Amid oaths and execrations I caught my own name. Should I open to the ruffians, and, falling on my knees, entreat forgiveness for having offended them by my presence, at the same time offering to sign a bond—it would not have cost me much self-denial—never to return to Ireland? No; it was too dangerous. In their infuriated state they would not, I felt sure, listen to any explanation or engagement. Or should I commence "potting" them from the window? I had two guns, a rifle, and a couple of revolvers ready loaded. But these would only account for, at the outside, a dozen of my foes, and their slaughter would naturally increase the fury of the other one hundred and eighty-eight. So this plan was also rejected.

What if, after all, it were possible to escape? The sounds proceeded from the front of the house. The stone staircase led down to the back, where there was a little garden inclosed in walls. I might, perhaps, flee through this garden, make good my escape to the bog, and follow the path to Mr. O'Shindy's house. The night was not absolutely dark. With luck I might find my way.

This seemed my only chance. Stealthily opening the door, and giving the retriever and setter a kick to divide between them and keep them from following, I cautiously descended the steps. I gained the garden unperceived. With the speed of a wild Indian I had traversed it. I was already on the bog with the house between me and my enemies. I had the good luck to find the firm road. I fled along it with the swiftness, if not the grace, of a gazelle. At first I thought I heard sounds as of people in pursuit. It may have been fancy, but it served to make me redouble my pace. In an incredibly short time I had gained the mansion of the O'Shindies. I snatched at the bell and rang it with a force which broke the wire. At the same moment I became aware of Mr. O'Shindy's watch-dog within a yard of my heels.

An instant before, I had been utterly out of breath, but I now found enough to murmur an appeal *ad misericordiam* to this stern janitor.

"Poor old boy, then—was a good dog," I said in my sweetest accents.

But Tozer was not to be taken in by such cheap blandishments. He knew he had a duty to perform, and prepared to perform it. Showing his teeth in the most formidable manner, he drew yet nearer, and gave a preliminary sniff of investigation. I had no strength to do battle with him. For the first time, too, I became aware at the extreme lightness of my attire. I had fled from the scene of murder in the solitary garment sacred to Somnus. This had been an advantage during my rapid flight, but was the reverse in the proximity of a bull-dog.

I huddled myself close against the door, still pouring forth entreaties and cajolings to the inexorable Tozer. Perhaps he was contented with having thus morally pinned me, or was embarrassed by the plethora of possibilities which my lack of clothing afforded him. All I know is, that he had not yet fixed his teeth in my flesh when the front door was so suddenly opened that I fell flat on my face into the entrance-hall. There was a general shriek at my apparition. A strong hand seized me on the instant and raised me to my feet. It was Mr. O'Shindy, who, with great presence of mind, thus did his best to relieve the awkwardness of my position. On recovering my erect posture, I cast a furtive glance around. If I had always blushed at the presence of ladies, my feelings may be imagined, perhaps, but never described, as I now found myself in my ingenuous dishabille before Mr. O'Shindy's assembled household. An instant later, and there was a general stampede on the part of the ladies. Only Mr. O'Shindy, his two menservants, and the portinacious Tozer, who had conceived it his duty to follow me into the hall, remained.

At first I could only gasp: "They are at the cottage."

"Who?" asked Mr. O'Shindy sternly.

"The murderers!"

"Oh," said Mr. O'Shindy, more graciously, "I knew they'd come before long; but I didn't fancy it would have been quite so soon. How did you escape?"

I told him. I painted in vivid colors the horrible scene through which I had so lately passed. I described—from imagination—the numbers, the looks, the weapons of my assailants.

"Well," said Mr. O'Shindy, "you had better stay with us for the rest of the night. I will lend you some clothes, and to-morrow you can return to the cottage, and make what investigations you judge best."

Again I went to bed, but, as may be well imagined, not to sleep. The next morning I asked to be allowed to have breakfast in my own room, being really too bashful to face the ladies again so soon after my unceremonious interview in the night. Then Mr. O'Shindy proposed that I should go down with him to the cottage.

"The danger is over for the present," he said; "and I dare say you will find everything untouched. It is *you* they want, not your property."

I inwardly resolved that I should be wanting in that part of Ireland for the rest of my natural life, but I said nothing.

We drew near to the house. To the great astonishment of Mr. O'Shindy and myself, the ruffians seemed still in possession of it. The windows were open, as the sound as of men engaged in a carouse reached our ears.

"It is very singular," said Mr. O'Shindy. "Let us peep in."

I had no desire to peep; but Mr. O'Shindy assured me so positively that, whoever the ruffians might be, I was pertectly safe in his company, that at last I consented to follow him at some distance. From behind a holly-bush we peeped into my reception-room.

There, sure enough, were four figures, two with their backs to us. They were drinking my whisky and talking loudly and incoherently. Their aspect was altogether so forbidding that I was about to retire as noiselessly as possible, when one of the men nearest the window turned suddenly round. It was Charley Turner!

In an instant, in his mad way, he was through the window, and had seized me and dragged me into the room. Mr. O'Shindy followed.

"You see we've kept our promise," shouted Turner. "We've come to see you, and brought a couple of fellows with us."

"I wish you'd come earlier," I said; "you might have been invaluable."

"Well, it was about as early as any one could come," answered Turner, grinning. "It was just one in the morning."

Mr. O'Shindy looked at me.

"Why," he said, "that must have been just after the attack."

"What attack?" cried Turner. "You don't mean to say you've had two attacks in one night? I'm sure we attacked you enough. First we yelled and shouted, and when that wouldn't do, we just broke down your oak—privilege of old chums, you know—and made ourselves at home. But where have you been?"

What I should have said had I been alone, I don't know; and I ought to be thankful that the presence of Mr. O'Shindy saved me from the temptation to put in practice all I had learnt at Oxford about the use and the expedience of "the economy."

The little that remains to be told is so painful, that the more it is condensed the better. Turner and his friend—and I must say it gives me some slight satisfaction to be able to take this revenge upon them—had got so exuberant at the dinner to which they went after seeing me, that nothing would content them but to drag their host and another guest out to my abode at one o'clock in the morning. "It will be a little surprise for him in his loneliness," Turner had said. And so it

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The House met for debate on the Tax bills, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, in the Chair as Speaker pro tem., and was addressed by Mr. WOOD, of New-York, member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

MR. WOOD'S SPEECH.

Mr. WOOD said—In arising to address the House upon this bill I am not unmindful of the example set me by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. He has chosen to select this as the occasion to discuss the general wants of the Treasury, and the proper course which, in his judgment, should be pursued in order to create a more approximate equality between the receipts and disbursements. He has thus chosen to give this discussion a broader scope than is comprehended in the question immediately before us, and in this regard I shall attempt to follow him. For the purpose of presenting in a few words what were the substantial points of that gentleman's speech, I group them as follows:

First—The present and prospective resources of the Government.

Second—Means to provide for the alleged deficiency.

Third—A reference to the past extravagance, in order to warn Congress and the Administration from like errors.

These, I believe, comprehend the leading points of this speech, to which I propose to say a few words in reply. Let me premise by calling attention to the analogy between the American House of Representatives and the English House of Commons. Our legislative system, as is well known, was founded on that of England. In England the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the chief officer of the Treasury, sits in the House of Commons to explain and defend the management of his portfolio; while with us that officer, the Secretary of the Treasury, is represented by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. Therefore when that gentleman was here to inform the House upon these questions, he must be accepted as the mouth-piece of the Government itself. When he counsels we should heed, and when he castigates we should take admonition. But to him to whom much is given much will be required, and if he in turn shall be held responsible for many of the evils of which he complains, I am sure he will not object. Nor would I impose upon him any undivided responsibility. He and the Administration of Gen. Grant are the representatives of that party—the Republican Party of the country—and it is that party, more than the able Chairman, through the aid and support of its members in Congress, that has accomplished the unjustifiable measure to which he has referred, and which he has so justly and severely criticised.

Now a word as to the gentleman's figures. That part of his speech which is devoted to an exposé of the condition of the public Treasury I am bound to assume is strictly accurate. What he says in detail of the receipts and expenditures during the present fiscal year cannot be questioned. Taking the total amount of appropriations asked for for the next fiscal year as the probable amount that will be allowed, he proceeds to state what, in his judgment, and that of the Treasury Department, will be the probable currency under existing laws. He tells us that there will be a probable balance in the Treasury at the close of the year of $20,302,385, as against $60,000,000, with which the Government began the year, and further he goes on to show that even this small balance of $20,000,000 will probably be drawn against for other liabilities, making about $7,600,000, and finally he concludes that we cannot possibly expect a larger balance at the close of the year than about $10,000,000. When asked by a gentleman from Ohio whether in this estimate he had included the $44,000,000 reserve to the $44,000,000 reserves, he said that he had not; that this calculation was made without reference to those reserves, which implies clearly that it is the intention of the Secretary of the Treasury to return to the reserves that proportion of the amount which has been drawn therefrom to meet increasing liabilities within the last few months. Now, it will be remembered that, according to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, he had on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year $89,463,028 50, and the receipts for the first quarter footed up $84,310 55, but the estimates for the remainder of the year were $197,100,000, making a total available income from all sources for the year of $370,666,330 55.

This large aggregate increase, it would seem, has been totally exhausted, together with about $25,000,000 more than from the reserves, making a total of over $306,000,000, although the fiscal year does not expire until the 1st day of July next, and, therefore, is only about two-thirds exhausted. This is, in a few words, the footing up of the figures, as presented by the Chairman, as to the present and prospective condition of the finances of the Government for the present fiscal year. But the Chairman, while properly denouncing extravagance, is as deficient in his remedy as the Government has been in creating the disease. After presenting his figures, he proceeds to tell us of the remedy. He says there are but three ways: First, by borrowing; second, by taxation, and third, by retrenchment. He discards the two former of these, and throws himself entirely upon economy and retrenchment as the only mode of extrication from the difficulty. But that gentleman appears not to see that all his propositions for economy and retrenchment apply as to what shall take place after the present fiscal year, and not during it. But the deficiencies in the Treasury require new provision and immediate. Therefore I regret that the gentleman has not presented to us some practical proposition to meet the danger of bankruptcy now staring us in the face. I concur with him that the people will bear no further taxation. It is already too onerous for the industries of the country to bear. Nor am I in favor of adding one dollar to the permanent debt. I therefore see no mode of relief except in the direction of a curtailment of expenditures. My proposition is that all of the balances unexpended of the appropriations of last year shall be withheld, only those that are absolutely necessary, until after the expiration of the fiscal year, or until the resources of the Treasury from legitimate sources will enable the Government to meet them. In my judgment our receipts from imports will be larger than the Chairman and Secretary appear to anticipate. But had the policy of the Government been judicious the Treasury would not have been in its present condition, notwithstanding the falling off in revenue. The surplus of the last seven years had been devoted to its legitimate purpose we could have been in no such distraint as now. What has been the policy? The readiness of the people to bear taxes has invited extravagance and profligacy here. As they responded to the call of the Treasury so have the Government and Congress been encouraged to pursue a system of lavish expenditure, and the creation of a large retinue of unnecessary officials, until to-day the aggregate civil list of the United States comprehends a larger number of persons employed than the consular, France and England put together. I present a table gathered from the several Blue Books, which conclusively prove this. Indeed, a general extravagance and waste pervades each of the executive departments. The Chairman, Mr. Dawes, has referred to some of these, but only to a few. I have followed the line of investigation which he has begun, and present a series of tables carefully gathered from official sources which show and prove this:

Comparative statement of the expenditures in the several branches of the public service named from 1868 to 1873, inclusive, from official sources:

	1868.	1873.
Indians	$3,988,253	$7,951,704
Coast service	656,700	852,628
Survey Public Lands	378,252	1,128,060
Surveyor General's Office	95,209	414,136
Judiciary	728,378	3,826,131
Sub-Treasury	200,113	493,661
Total	$6,896,005	$14,666,519

I shall not stop to comment on the remarkable and unanswerable array of facts presented in these figures. These do not comprise all the wrong that the people have a right to complain of.

Within the last nine years our mines have produced about $640,000,000. Out of this we have coined but $244,351,395 in gold and $25,757,331 in silver, a total of $270,135,726. Thus it will be seen that but little more than forty-two per cent. of the whole have been coined, and the balances have been made into bars and sent to Europe. In addition we have received in coin during that period, into the Treasury for duties on imports, &c., $1,590,194,288. Now, notwithstanding the receipt of so much precious metal into the Treasury, we have still maintained and increased the paper money circulation. The policy of the Administration in paying off the large proportion of our public debt with these receipts had for its object self-glorification. The panic of last Fall, and the strain that has been made upon the public Treasury within six months, producing national dishonor, have all been the result of this policy.

Three months after the commencement of the present Administration, on the 4th of March, 1869, the then Secretary of the Treasury found himself in possession of a surplus balance, over and above the preceding year's receipts and expenditures, of $40,000,000, of which $45,000,000 had been accumulated within three months. These large sums of cash in hand should have been held sacred as a foundation for the redemption of the legal tenders upon which to begin resumption. Instead of doing this he inaugurated a system of the redemption of the bonded debt, not due, while entirely neglecting the legal-tender debt, past due, and insisted upon continuing the ruinous war taxation for the purpose of extending this policy. He bought $41,000,000 of bonds the first year, upon which he paid a premium of $8,322,791, thus paying a bonus for the privilege of paying the funded obligations having eighteen years to mature. According to the Treasury statement, issued the 1st of March, 1874, there was purchased $323,333,900 of bonds (between April, 1869, and Sept. 25, 1873, upon which was paid a premium of $29,756,532 71. If this had not been done there would now be nearly $50,000,000 in the coffers with which to meet the present deficiency in the Treasury and save the country from the impending necessity of increasing the public debt or imposing more taxation. It is difficult to find words to sufficiently exaction. It is difficult to find words to sufficiently exaction. It is difficult to find words to sufficiently exaction

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The facility with which a certain Personage can quote Scripture is strongly suggested by a speech from FERNANDO WOOD in favor of retrenchment. If the Representative from our Tenth Congressional District had practiced the doctrines which he preached yesterday, he would hardly have risen to his present position as Democratic leader of the House. Of the humiliations endured by honest members of his party, none we should imagine could well be greater than to see a man like this put up to define the Democratic position on the very foremost question of the hour. No honest man who has the slightest acquaintance with the career of FERNANDO WOOD can read a manifesto from such a source without finding between the lines suggestions of the record of fraud, corruption, and extravagance, which the opposition would have had to challenge had the critic and the criticised occupied different places during the last few years. It is nothing short of a national humiliation to have to recognize the notorious Ex-Mayor of New-York as the spokesman of the opposition in the House of Representatives. It operates, at the same time, as a salutary reminder of the unblushing effrontery of the party that is responsible for FERNANDO WOOD's past and present position.

Some half-dozen real estate agents and others interested in west-side property met yesterday and passed some resolutions favoring the passage of the Senate bill in regard to the work on Riverside avenue. These gentlemen necessarily represent only a fractional part of the people who are or will be assessed for half the expense of carrying out the work provided for by this bill, and have no right to speak on behalf of the tax-payers at large who will be required to pay the other half. Besides, they ought to have known that the wholesale transfer of power over streets in the vicinity of the public parks, contemplated by the bill, is a matter in which every citizen is interested, while the surreptitious way in which it is proposed to effect that transfer involves methods of legislation which men of character should be very careful of approving. It is no doubt a very important matter for the property in which these petitioners are interested to have the proposed work rapidly prosecuted. But we suppose we shall next hear of east-side or north-side property-owners, not to mention the neglected tax-payers in the central and lower parts of the island, coming forward with the objection that as at least twenty millions have been spent during the last few years on west-side improvements, it is about time to give other sections some little benefit. For example, the commercial supremacy of the City is vitally affected by the want of terminal facilities, and even should the railroads be driven to do their duty in this matter, the City would require to spend a great deal of money too. New-York finances are not in the condition to warrant a lavish expenditure on every part of the public domain, and the enthusiastic people on the west side must learn moderation. One point of the resolutions referred to deserves commendation, and that is their protest against the present wasteful system of paying a full day's wages for four hours' work. Half the suits for the vacation of assessments are justified by this kind of extravagance, and the Legislature would do well to give due weight to that part of the resolutions.

The argument of Mr. JACKSON S. SCHULTZ, delivered yesterday before the Committee of Ways and Means, deserves careful reading. It is an able and, on the whole, a moderate presentation of the grievances of New-York merchants under the moiety system, and evidently made, as it deserved to do, a very strong impression on the committee. Some of Mr. SCHULTZ's sample cases of injustice may not be quite so strong as he persists in believing, but his general statement of the evils arising under the present system of checking frauds upon the revenue is equally clear and forcible. The committee are said to be unanimously of the opinion that a change in the existing laws is desirable. Now let the representatives of the merchants set about the task of helping them to determine upon the nature of the reforms which are imperatively demanded.

This morning's telegrams place beyond all doubt the fact of the death of CESPEDES, Ex-President of the Cuban Republic. He was simply butchered in the barbarous fashion characteristic of Spanish warfare, and his death adds another to the list of devoted men who have given such lustre as it possesses to the cause of Cuban independence. It is nearly six years ago since the present revolution was opened with two victories gained under the leadership of CESPEDES, and all through the checkered fortunes of the struggle he has retained the character of a brave and pure-minded patriot. His deposition from the Presidency did not check the devotion of CESPEDES to the cause he had espoused, and he has made such sacrifices for Cuban independence as, had they been imitated among half its adherents, would long ago have secured its triumph.

A committee of the Eighteenth Ward Council of Political Reform appear to have laid before the Grand Jury certain charges against OLIVER CHARLICK; the Tammany leaders are not done yet with their judicial inquiry into his method of appointing election inspectors; the street-cleaning investigation does not show any signs of flagging, and now the Free Thinkers and trades-unionists have prepared a comprehensive indictment against the Police Commissioners in regard to the Tompkins square riot. On the whole, Mr. CHARLICK'S hands must be pretty full of business—too full, one would think, to enable him to give the proper amount of attention to the affairs of the Long Island Railroad, which seem to involve quite a little crop of lawsuits. It must be becoming obvious to Mr. CHARLICK that the sacrifices demanded by public life are hardly compensated for by its gains—even when these include the cheap filling in of lots and the reversionary interest in a sunk scow or two. We fear if we were to counsel Mr. CHARLICK to consult his private welfare by retiring from all share in public business he would hardly take the advice so kindly as it is intended, but if he have any friends interested in his prosperity some of them ought to gently urge the matter upon his attention.

SWINDLES IN STREET-CLEANING.

From the proceedings of yesterday it is evident the Assembly Committee on Cities is still only on the threshold of the investigation into the abuses of the street-cleaning business. It is true that the evidence which has been taken utterly condemns the present bureau as inefficient and corrupt, but it is plain there is much more testimony to the same effect which must be elicited before the public will be satisfied with the results of the inquiry. It has been established thus far that the streets were not cleaned during the greater portion of 1873, while the bureau received over $1,000,000 for cleaning them. There is some natural anxiety to know how this money was used, and we are sure the committee will not retire from the work in which it is engaged until it has obtained this information. The task is doubtless an arduous one, but the great skill and zeal with which the investigation has been conducted up to this point encourage us to believe that it is one which will yet be accomplished.

So far as the evidence taken yesterday proved anything, it showed that the Street-cleaning Bureau has been conducted for the advancement of personal and political ends, rather than for the public interests. It is not strange that the streets have not been cleaned, when we find that the employes of the bureau have been too busy in getting individual profits out of the business in which they were engaged to pay any attention to the duties which they were paid to perform. The City could get no profit from its refuse, but it appears that its employes have been able to do so without difficulty. The testimony on this point yesterday was very conclusive. Several witnesses swore to paying from ten to twenty cents per load for dumping private stuff on the City scows. But in the case of one leading hotel, it appears this stuff was removed without any charge, and we are told by WM. L. PECK that he received as a free gift 11,000 loads of street refuse, which he sold at prices varying from twenty to twenty-five cents per load; at the lowest price named it is apparent the City was swindled by this one transaction out of $2,200. But it also appears that the City has been defrauded in another way. The most important and interesting of yesterday's evidence was to the effect that the laborers and trimmers on scows have derived large profits from picking out the rags, bones, and other valuable refuse from the worthless matter. This refuse appears to have been used for private benefit; but it appears also that not only was it City property, but that the persons who profited from it were in public employment. In other words, they were paid by the City for stealing the City property, and Inspector THORNE either did not know or did not care anything about the matter.

Another fact was established yesterday, which is in the highest degree discreditable to the bureau, and goes far to explain its inefficiency. It was declared by witnesses that laborers and trimmers paid a bonus to somebody for the privilege of obtaining work, but there was a wonderful want of knowledge as to the identity of that somebody, owing to the fact that the witnesses were subordinates of the bureau. It was also admitted that assessments for political purposes were levied upon the employes, but we are glad to know that on one occasion the poor Italian laborers manfully resisted a tax of $2 50 each. The testimony on this point is valuable, as showing that the bureau is considered by the Commissioners as a political machine. It has evidently not been supposed that it is any part of its duty to clean the streets; it is only a contrivance for securing votes. The truth upon this point, however, has yet to be fully elicited, and it is not surprising that such witnesses as Capt. HYATT keep out of the way of the committee. Extreme measures should be taken, as we are sure they will be, to enforce their attendance.

While the evidence of yesterday was not so startling as that of the previous sessions of the committee, it was confirmatory of that which had been previously taken. The witnesses were mainly paid servants of the bureau, and had the assistance of counsel, but they were unable to controvert the disgraceful facts which have already appeared upon the record. The committee have now ascertained that the streets are not cleaned; that a vast sum of money is wasted under pretense of cleaning them; that the income from refuse, which should go to the City, is made private plunder, and that one of those who has profited most by this fraud is OLIVER CHARLICK, one of the Police Commissioners. The present management and method of street-cleaning have been wholly condemned by the testimony, and the committee, after obtaining all possible facts on these points, must next direct its attention to the discovery of a substitute. Relief must come from action by the Legislature, and that action will be controlled by the report of this committee.

DETECTING REVENUE FRAUDS.

We have preferred, before entering on a thorough discussion of the propriety of the law of 1799, or that of 1867, which, like the former, gives to the three chief officers of the Customs a share of confiscations, to await the facts developed by the inquiry now made by the Committee of Ways and Means. There are, however, one or two things on the face of the law which every one can see, and which every one should keep in view. One is, that the oath which the Collector and every Customs officer must take before entering on official duty, requires him to diligently and faithfully execute the duties of his office, to support the Constitution, and use the best of his endeavors "to prevent and *detect* frauds in relation to the duties imposed by the laws of the United States." Here is a severe obligation, imposed by the law of 1799, and if a fraud is detected, and merchandise or its value is forfeited, the same law directs that one-half thereof *shall* be delivered to the three chief officers, if there be no informer, or, if there be an informer, one-half of that one-half to such informer. In any event, the Government can have only half, but never less. Thus, if the Collector suspect a fraud, he *must*, under his oath, direct a prosecution, and if the merchant confess a forfeiture, or the court adjudge it, a certain portion of the result *must* be paid to him. This is the law, and a similar system exists in England under recent legislation, where, if an importer attempt a false entry which is detected and refused, the Commissioners of Customs can seize the merchandise, or prevent an amended truthful entry, on such conditions as they see fit to impose, and if punishment be imposed in the form of "a satisfaction," all goes to the officer, and if in the form of "a fine," a part only goes to him. And in case of confiscations, the Commissioners can give to the Customs officers such share thereof as they see fit as a reward for their vigilance.

It is unjust to say that, under our system, the Collector, Naval Officer, and Surveyor can, before the merchandise is delivered, detect or prevent, by due diligence, all false values, measures, weights, or quantities, on which entries are finally liquidated. These elements are not determined by them. There are other officers appointed by law for such functions. If an importer declare a false value on entry, the Collector cannot detect it if the appraiser report that value correct. The Collector never sees the merchandise. He directs the appraiser to report its value and classification, the weigher to return its weight, and the gauger the number of gallons. The Collector levies the legal duty on the papers, and it may not be till months or years after that he learns that these papers were, by the importer, made knowingly or fraudulently false. When he discovers it, he must punish it, if five years have not elapsed, and of the result the laws of 1799 and 1867 give him a share.

The amount of *duty* levied on a final appraisement cannot be changed or increased, no matter how great the fraud subsequently discovered. The only thing the Government can do is to punish by suit to forfeit the value of the invoice as a punishment, and out of it deduct an amount equal to the duty evaded, and then, under the law of 1867, divide the remainder with the officers or informers.

SHALL WE HAVE A PENAL COLONY?

The project which is again being discussed for utilizing our possessions in Alaska by making them the destination of the criminal population of the United States will have to be considered to some extent in the light of experience. Apart from the merit or otherwise of penal colonies in the abstract, there must arise many questions in the course of the discussion whose consideration cannot be avoided. These will partake of a social, political, or sometimes even an international, character, and will be found to be of no small importance. But assuming that all such problems are solved to the satisfaction of those who advocate the establishment of a penal colony, there will still remain matters of detail. One of these is of so much moment that it almost rises to the rank of a fundamental principle, and should at least demand early notice.

The transportation of criminals is no new device, and it has been carried out in various ways; but recent experiences are those which most nearly concern us. It was not till the time of the STUARTS that England adopted anything like a definite system of transportation, and the criminals whom she then sent to the American colonies could hardly be regarded as prisoners after they landed here, although their labor was for a time confiscated. But the system was not elaborated until after our Declaration of Independence, and till two of the Australian colonies had been selected for the purpose. In New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, and more recently in Western Australia, it was carried out under a strict and somewhat complex Governmental organization; but except in Western Australia it must be said to have wholly failed. England certainly got rid of her worst criminals for a time, but not forever; but the men themselves were only partially reformed. Crime was not diminished, and colonies were being built up where the grossness and corruption of society were unparalleled. New South Wales in 1841 was the first to be exempted from the reception of convicts, and nearly a quarter of a century has passed since Van Diemen's Land received her last ship-load. To prison labor these two colonies owe many of their most important public works, such as roads, bridges, docks, wharves, prisons, Government buildings, and fortifications. But, on the other hand, they showed a population which surpassed all others within the limits of civilization in vice and infamy. Free settlers who went to them suffered all the evils of such a state of society, which, however, operated very effectively to deter emigrants from turning their attention to Australia. But it must be said to their credit that it was among the convicts themselves, or those who had been convicts, that the strongest opposition to a continuance of the system was developed.

When these people, regaining their freedom, settled on the land or in the towns, and saw families growing up around them, they realized the fearful danger of keeping their children in the depraved social atmosphere which the continued importation of new prisoners must perpetuate. They rose to resist it, and the moral pressure which they brought to bear upon the imperial Government led to an abandonment of transportation so far as those colonies were concerned. When the system was abolished in Van Diemen's Land, in 1853, the population of the colony was estimated at about 85,000, of whom nearly 70,000 had the taints of the prison upon them. As the convicts had necessarily been taken from the worst of the criminal population of the parent country, it may well be understood that society was not distinguished for a high moral tone, but its degradation can, at this time, scarcely be realized by those who did not witness it.

The manner in which the system had been carried out was bad. It was marked by corruption, cruelty, and the utter absence of all efforts to amend the moral state of the prisoners. But with that we have no concern in the present consideration. It was not evils of administration that led to the ultimate abandonment of transportation. But although that end was attained only amid the most strenuous opposition even from some persons interested in the colonies, and amid a great diversity of opinion upon the main question at issue, all were unanimous upon one point—that if transportion is to be successful at all, and a benefit to the parent State, the territory which is selected for the destination of prisoners must be kept expressly for that purpose, and for no other. A convict colony and a free colony cannot successfully be combined. And further, if prisoners are transported for any term short of their natural life, and if they survive the expiration of their sentence, they must then be either returned to their native land, or deported to some other place. They must not be allowed to settle down within the limits of their place of exile, and there form the nucleus of a free people. Such was the conclusion which, as we believe, was unanimously held by all who investigated the subject in Van Diemen's Land during the few years when the colonists were struggling for relief from further convict importations. It is a matter, then, which may profitably be borne in mind while we are discussing the future of Alaska in connection with the disposal of criminals. Are we willing to adopt transportation for a few years in order to settle that inhospitable region with some kind of population, and then to revert to something akin to the existing system of dealing with criminals? Or shall we make Alaska a prison-house simply, where criminals shall be put out of the world, as it were, during the term of their sentence? Upon the answers to be given to these questions very much of the method of procedure will depend.

RESULTS OF THE ASHANTEE WAR.

The news published to-day, confirming the success of the British expedition against the Ashantees, suggests an inquiry into the probable consequences of the war. The immediate circumstances which led to it will not be fully known till explanations shall have been given in Parliament; but whatever they were is of little concern outside of England. Such expeditions are usually not entered upon without good and sufficient cause, and until we have very different information from that which we already possess, we are justified in believing that the Ashantee war was both just and necessary.

But while the causes which led to it, and the skill and energy with which it has been conducted, are matters of concern to the country only which is immediately involved in the enterprise, the consequences which are to follow affect more or less the interests of all commercial nations. The extent of British territory on the Gold Coast is estimated at between six and seven thousand square miles, and the population at about half a million. The value of the trade hitherto, to England alone, has amounted under very unfavorable conditions to about $17,500,000. As one of the results of the recent complications, it has been suggested that this should be abandoned, and that Great Britain should withdraw altogether from an occupation of territory which is in many respects undesirable. While the elections were pending, the suggestion came from several quarters, but always as a weapon in political warfare. Now that the elections are over, different counsels begin to prevail, and it is rather proposed that the conquest must be utilized in the interests of civilization.

The great objection hitherto raised against the West Coast of Africa as a place for European settlement, is its unhealthiness. But, after all, this is a matter of comparatively small importance. Some Europeans have lived there for many years, and enjoyed a state of health as good as they would have had in their own country. But although the majority do experience ill effects from the climate, the causes which produce them are not beyond the reach of those means which are at the command of a civilized people as soon as the power to use them becomes sufficient. There is no doubt that the healthiness of the Gold Coast might be very materially improved; and if that were done, the country possesses attractions which would readily draw a white population large enough to become of great commercial importance. The wealth of the interior of Africa is admitted, but its extent is probably very inadequately understood. To develop it all that is needed is ready access to the coast, and an abolition of slavery and the inhuman practices in vogue among the people of the interior. This is now, in all probability, secured. Sir GARNET WOLSELEY does not seem to be the kind of man who would leave his work half done. Ashantee is now at his disposal. Its King is a suitor for peace, and the people are humiliated, and taught that the ways of the white man are strong. But Ashantee is the highway to Timbuctoo and to the large cities and rich trading-places of the interior of the Continent. If that trade be opened up with the coast, the whole interior of Central Africa will be thrown open to the commercial nations of Europe and America; and it is not by any means sure that America would not receive the larger share. The conditions which the British commander has imposed are not yet known, but it is tolerably certain that in addition to a fine they will comprise the points we have indicated. It is too monstrous a proposition to entertain for a moment that England would make the sacrifice she has made, and then leave the country to revert to the horrible barbarism that so long belonged to it. All the nations have an interest in the matter now, and although it remains to the British people to see that their terms of peace with the Ashantee King are strictly respected, it is of world-wide importance that the work so well begun should not be relinquished at the moment of success.

Nor do we believe it will be. It is not likely that England will extend her territory much, if at all, and then only to secure the objects of the treaty. Extension of empire is no part of her present policy. But in the position which she holds, with a widespread empire, reaching into so many unknown lands, her conquests give her a certain amount of responsibility to the cause of civilization, and indirectly therefore to all other civilized nations. This she has hitherto acknowledged; and the men who are now at the head of the imperial Government are among the last who would be likely to forget it. On every consideration, therefore, we are brought to the belief that this Ashantee war must be productive of good, that England will not forego the advantage she has won for herself and for the rest of the world, but that the condition of the natives in Africa will be improved, while other nations will be enriched by the development of a new and almost boundless commerce.

A TASTE FOR READING.

Although there are plenty of schools where children are taught to read, there are comparatively few where the pupils acquire a taste for good reading. Very insufficient pains seem to be taken to develop this taste. School hours are devoted to various exercises; a routine of a rather cheerless kind is laid out and followed; but the importance of reading, for its own sake, with a view to awaken a fondness for it, and thus to provide the best means of self-education, is very inadequately attended to, although nothing is better adapted to relieve the monotony of ordinary studies. The memory of children is often strained to the utmost, while their critical and reasoning faculties are scarcely exercised at all. It would be a beneficial practice in schools if teachers would read occasionally a good story aloud, then require some of the pupils to comment upon it; and, in order to interest the whole class in the narrative, make it the subject of such remarks as might appropriately be suggested. Another way to attain a similar end would be to allow the pupils a book to read at home, and, when they have read it, to make them give an account, either in writing or verbally, of the work and of the impressions it made on their minds.

Rewards are now offered to those who are most proficient in their studies, or most regular in their attendance and deportment; but there should be rewards also for those who can read the most understandingly and critically. This would stimulate intellectual activity in the most profitable manner, and the children would be vastly benefited; for experience teaches that success belongs not to the most loving or to the most generous hearts, but to the most acute and active intellects.

To learn to read may be a barren acquirement, or a dangerous gift, if the recipients are not taught at the same time to value the right kind of books. Good books are a powerful preventive against many ills. A fondness for them will, in the workshop, be the best antidote to mischievous theories. A bad book does comparatively little harm to the man who reads much and well, because he knows how to distinguish facts and sound argument from sonorous rant and hollow declamation. But bad books are especially dangerous to him who reads but little. If nature have gifted him with facility of speech and a good memory, he may gain among those who are as ignorant as himself a consideration of high degree, and they will look up to him as a man of knowledge and authority upon all questions in which they are interested. The only means to diminish the undesirable influence of wild theorists is to diffuse and encourage a taste for good reading, and this must be done in the schools. The more people we have in the community who read sensible books, the fewer we shall have who indulge in or listen to senseless talk.

The object of school education should not only be to develop the powers and faculties of the mind, but to direct them to a useful end. In every school-boy there is a citizen in process of growth. This must never be overlooked. A sagacious teacher will find many occasions, even in an elementary course, to excite a feeling of reverence and love for civic virtues. Without going out of his prescribed route he can instil patriotic principles, the love of duty for its own sake, and a sense of self-reliance and self-respect; he can rouse admiration for true merit, and teach young minds how to master a difficulty. And it is only by doing this that he can assist in raising up a promising generation of men.

To impart knowledge is the teacher's first task, but he is the best teacher who brings out also the mental capacities of his scholars, who teaches them to think and to investigate for themselves the problems put before them, as well as to discuss the merits of objections or assertions, and to have substantial reasons for his opinions. Nothing can be of greater value than a mind that is trained not only to consider the different sides of a question, but to guide itself to a sound judgment. It is the only instrument with which to meet successfully the difficulties of life, for, after all, truth is very often only to be reached through a network of contradictions.

HOME RULERS IN PARLIAMENT.

The question of Home Rule, or a native Parliament for Ireland, having attracted so much attention during the recent elections, both in England and Ireland, it will, now that the complete returns are before us, be interesting to glance at the success obtained by the Home Rule Party, and to consider what they can effect in the new Parliament toward carrying out their programme. Whether that programme be a sound one or otherwise we will not now discuss, but it is quite clear that the new party will, notwithstanding their increased numbers, be powerless to embarrass the Conservative Ministry. The Home Rulers, while apparently gratified at the number of seats which they have carried, have had their plans completely upset by the large majority obtained by Mr. DISRAELI's party over the Liberals and Home Rulers, both combined. This majority is at least forty, and even if the Home Rulers vote in a body with the Whigs against the Ministry on every available occasion it will not affect the position of the two great political parties. The Prime Minister can well afford to disregard any threats which the disaffected party may make, and it is, therefore, more than probable that after a discussion of the question in the House the subject will not be again brought before Parliament during Mr. DISRAELI's tenure of office.

The majority which the Premier can command has completely disorganized Mr. BUTT's plans. He was under the impression that the two political parties would be so evenly balanced that the Home Rulers could dictate terms, and thereby obtain a settlement of their demands. Mr. BUTT now, however, admits that there is no chance of obtaining any concession from Mr. DISRAELI, and the only consolation he gives his followers is that the new Administration is not likely to last more than three sessions. If Mr. BUTT can keep alive the Home Rule fever for three more years it is, indeed, probable that in the event of a dissolution of Parliament he may be able to increase his followers, and that if the Conservatives should then be in a minority the Home Rulers would be in a better position to enforce their demands; but at present it is quite evident the Home Rule movement is practically dead for three years at least.

As to the strength of the party, it appears that 58 out of the 103 members elected from Ireland are pledged to the Home Rule programme. In the borough of Athlone the Home Rule candidate and the Whig nominee had each an equal number of votes, so that a new election must take place, and if the Home Rulers win this seat they will number 59, exclusive of 25 English members who have promised to support the movement. Of the 58 elected from Ireland, 20 are pure unadulterated Whigs who "swallowed" the pledge for the sake of either retaining or obtaining a seat in Parliament, and if Mr. GLADSTONE were in power these would give him no trouble. Many of the others are men of moderate views, while there are not more than a dozen who hold extreme opinions. It is worthy of remark that all of the "old" Home Rulers have been re-elected, while the members who professed allegiance to Mr. GLADSTONE have been reduced from 45 to 12. The Irish Conservatives numbered 40 in the last Parliament; this year their number has been reduced to 32, but there are 4 Home Rulers who on ordinary occasions may be expected to vote with them.

In the province of Munster, hitherto the great Whig stronghold, the Whigs out of twenty-six members were only able to return four; in Leinster, out of thirty-six seats, they carried only one; while in Connaught not a single follower of GLADSTONE succeeded at the polls. In Ulster, indeed, the Liberals gained four seats, having increased their number from three to seven. The Home Rulers were only able to elect two members from this province, the Conservatives carrying twenty of the twenty-six seats.

Mr. BERNAL OSBORNE and Mr. CHICHESTER FORTESCUE are the only men of note who have lost their seats in Ireland. Mr. FORTESCUE was President of the Board of Trade under Mr. GLADSTONE, and was formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland. He is better known, however, as the husband of the Countess WALDEGRAVE. Mr. SULLIVAN, editor of the Dublin *Nation*, replaces Mr. FORTESCUE in the representation of Louth, and he is certainly one of the ablest of the Home Rule members. It is but fair to say that, with two or three exceptions, the Home Rule representatives are men of education and social position, and that there are at least a dozen of them who are fluent and able speakers. Thirteen of the number are Protestants and forty-five are Roman Catholics. The total number of Roman Catholics returned is forty-eight, being an increase of ten over the number of the same class in the last Parliament. Two Roman Catholic Englishman have obtained seats in Ireland as Home Rulers, but both were formerly in Parliament. Lord ROBERT MONTAGU, who sat a few years ago for an English constituency, has been returned for Westmeath County, and Sir GEORGE BOWYER, Bart., who some years ago represented an Irish borough, has been elected for Wexford County. Capt. NOLAN, who was unseated by Judge KEOGH last year, and who is so well known in connection with the celebrated "Galway judgment," has been again returned for Galway County. The total number of new members elected is forty-four, but a few of these were in Parliament on previous occasions.

These are the only facts of note in connection with the Irish elections, and while they do not show any tendency to a Conservative reaction, they at least show that the Whigs, notwithstanding recent legislation of a conciliatory nature, have completely lost the confidence of the country.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. SCHENCK.

Gen. Schenck, the American Minister to England, arrived here yesterday on the Abyssinia, from Liverpool. The Surveyor of the Port had a steam-cutter ready to convey him to New-York as soon as the ocean steamer arrived, so that Mr. Schenck was enabled to get to the City an early hour. On his arrival he went to the Brevoort House, on Fifth avenue, at about 11:30 A. M., and received his friends, who were anxious to welcome him back after his long absence from home. It has been freely stated unauthoritatively in many newspapers that Gen. Schenck had resigned, or would not return again as Minister to England. Neither is correct, as the fact is that Minister Schenck has actually engaged his berth on the Abyssinia, to go back to England in her next May. His present visit is merely a long-looked-for furlough, which the present state of affairs in Great Britain, pending the settlement of the political complications attending the formation of a new Cabinet, enables him to take. He had often applied for it before, as his private affairs in Ohio needed his personal supervision. Their arrangement now is the main object of his visit, and will occupy the most of his time after he has been to Washington. Mr. Schenck takes a very cheerful view of the present and future of American securities in Europe. The funding at five per cent. will go on satisfactorily.

LADIES' UNION AID SOCIETY.

The twenty-third annual report of the Ladies' Union Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this City, the object of which is to provide a comfortable home for all infirm members of the church who are in needy circumstances, has just been published. From this it appears that there are at the present time in the institution 87 inmates, whose combined ages amount to 6,096 years, an average of seventy years for each person. The oldest is ninety years of age. The nativities are: From England, 9; Ireland, 10; Scotland, 3; Germany, 3; Nova Scotia, 2; America, 60. Only five of the inmates have died during the year. The expenses of the institution for the past twelve months [illegible]

WASHINGTON.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

SPEECHES OF FERNANDO WOOD AND MR. BECK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The House met to-day for debate on the Tax bill only, and two of the Democratic leaders, Beck and Fernando Wood, made the speeches which have been so long announced. Mr. Wood's speech was little more than a dreary partisan tirade. The statistical portions of the speech, if they had force in themselves, were so ill arranged that they created little impression upon the House. Mr. Beck, who says he never goes upon the stump without a speech of Mr. Dawes in his pocket, followed Mr. Wood in what both Beck and Wood called a continuance of the indictment of the Republican Party, framed in Mr. Dawes' speech. Mr. Beck announced that he should reserve his long trumpeted arraignment of the Administration until the debate upon the Legislative Appropriation bill, but he forgot his promises, his temper, and the threat of his speech together, and delivered a curious medley of argument and facts, statistics and unsupported assertion. The vehemence and ill-digested character of the speech did much to weaken its force. He believed no increase of taxation necessary, he would vote for no increase of the debt, he declared the issue of any portion of the reserve illegal, and insisted that Congress, in the Andrew Johnson days, when that law was passed, would no more have voted to give Secretary McCulloch the power to issue a reserve than they would have voted him a chariot for his translation to heaven. Mr. Beck opposed contraction, and made the curious statement that any contraction would diminish the value of the $350,000,000 of land in his district from 10 to 50 per centum. He went further, and advocated the abolition of national banks and the inauguration of free banking, and even intimated that greenback currency would be the best circulating medium.

DEFALCATIONS OF COLLECTORS OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has written a letter to a member of Congress showing, from the records of the Internal Revenue Office, that the aggregate amount of internal revenue collected during the period from September, 1863, when the Internal Revenue laws first went into effect, up to Feb. 28, 1874, (last month estimated,) is $1,792,553,000. Of this amount there is now due the United States from late Collectors $2,525,199, which is about 14-100 of one per cent. of the total amount collected. Of the total amount due $2,136,489 is due from officers appointed since March 4, 1869. In many cases there is reason to believe that the deficiency may have arisen from defalcations of deputies and employes of the Collector, for whose official conduct he is legally responsible. In such cases the Collector cannot be considered as personally guilty of embezzlement, though possibly censurable for not having exercised proper care. Under the present laws, his remedy against his deputies is through the State courts, where settlements are very often long delayed. Steps have been taken to recover the amounts due from these officers by suit upon their official bonds. The United States Attorneys in charge of these suits are urged by this office to a vigorous prosecution of the same, and with a few exceptions it is probable that the greater portion of the amount due will be recovered and paid into the Treasury. There are a number of cases of late Collectors whose accounts are yet unsettled, and are now being adjusted, in which the office has no information of any defalcation or criminal retention of the public funds by the Collector or any of his employes, and consequently the outstanding balances shown upon the books of this office in these cases have not been included in the above statement.

GEN. SHERIDAN ON THE INDIANS.

Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, writing to Gen. Sherman under date of Chicago, March 3, expresses the belief that the force of troops sent to the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies is sufficient to so far intimidate the Indians at the agencies as to allow peaceful occupation. He thinks, however, that at any other time than at this inclement season hostilities would have commenced at the crossing of the North Platte River. He believes the majority of the Sioux bands have been preparing for hostilities for two years back, and thinks it possible that when the Spring opens we shall have lively times from well-armed raiding parties on the exposed frontier, and that life and property will be unsafe. He hopes, nevertheless, that the peaceful occupation of the agencies may lead to a better state of affairs.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS AT THE RED CLOUD AGENCY.

Indian Agent Saville telegraphs from the Red Cloud Agency, under date of March 5, informing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs that the troops had arrived there that day, and that everything was quiet. Also that many Indians had left the agency. The force above referred to is that under command of Col. J. E. Smith, which left Laramie on the morning of the 3d inst.

MERCHANDISE FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered that merchandise arriving at Detroit destined for British Columbia, via San Francisco, will be allowed to go forward under combined entry for transportation and exportation.

CONDITION OF HON. A. H. STEPHENS.

Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, is still confined to his bed, and is in a very feeble condition.

SENATOR BOUTWELL CONVALESCENT.

Senator Boutwell is convalescent, and walked out to-day.

FURTHER APPROPRIATIONS.

Supervising Architect Mullett has asked the House Committee on Appropriations for $1,500,000 for continuing the work on the new State, War and Navy Departments. The south wing of the building will be ready for the occupancy of the State Department during the coming Summer.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The following were the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $3,234,369; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $51,240,000; coin, $84,246,933, including coin certificates, $40,569,200; outstanding legal tenders, $382,000,000.

MILITARY NOTES.

Capt. G. H. Weeks, Assistant Quartermaster, has been relieved from duty at Buffalo, N. Y., and ordered to duty at Baltimore, in place of Capt. Van Antwerp, Military Store-keeper.

A SOLDIER MURDERED BY INDIANS.

A dispatch received at the Army Head-quarters from Col. Stanley, of the Twenty-second Infantry, dated Fort Sully, Feb. 25, says: "Private Charles Collins, Company G, Twenty-fifth Infantry, was murdered by the Indians at Grand River on the 22d, while herding cattle. The Indians stole the Government horse which he was riding. They were followed until the trail was lost. They went in the direction of the Standing Rock Agency. The agent has been notified."

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

During the week ending to-day, the Treasurer has received from the printing division $1,085,000 in fractional currency, and has forwarded during the same period $1,384,000 in notes, and $438,700 in fractional currency. The amount of securities held in trust for national banks is $399,656,900 to secure circulation, and $16,945,200 for deposits of public moneys. The national bank circulation outstanding to-day is $348,695,054. The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $499,761; for the month, $1,939,482, and for the fiscal year, $67,075,633.

SUSPENSION OF A BLOCKADE.

Admiral Polo, the Spanish Minister, has officially informed the Secretary of State that his Government had for the present suspended its proposed blockade of the Coast of Cantabria in Spain.

THE APPROACHING METHODIST CONFERENCE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 7.—A meeting of Methodist ministers and laymen was held here last night to make preparations for the reception and accommodation of members of the General Conference of the Methodist Church South, which convenes in this city on the 1st of May next, and continues in session for thirty days. It is expected [illegible]

RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS.

MUSICAL.

OPERA AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The attendance at the Academy of Music yesterday was very large and brilliant, and the representation of "Mignon" passed off with the wonted smoothness and effect. "Mignon" does not wear quite so well as we expected; the oases of melody in the desert of harmony are few and far between, and the version of M. Thomas' opera interpreted on the Italian stage is much heavier than the original *opera comique*, in which crisp dialogue does duty for the dull recitatives. But Mme. Nilsson's personation of *Mignon* is charmingly poetical, and so long as she fills the rôle the work will doubtless attract. Yesterday's recital needs, of course, no comment. The announcements for this week set forth that "Gli Ugonotti" will be given to-morrow; that an extra representation is to occur, for the benefit of M. Maurel, Tuesday; and that "Marta" will be done Wednesday. "Aida" will probably be rendered on Friday. "Lohengrin," with Mme. Nilsson, Miss Cary and Signori Campanini and Del Puente may be looked for about the Monday following.

OPERA AT THE LYCEUM.

"Marta" was done at the Lyceum Theatre yesterday, and Mme. Di Murska sang, besides the "shadow scene" from "Dinorah." As *Lady Enrichetta*, Mme. Di Murska did not impress us deeply: we have had so many first-rate representatives of that well-known personage that a mere fluent delivery of the notes no longer satisfies our expectations. In "Dinorah," *en revanche*, Mme. Di Murska's work was perfection, and when the difficulties of the *scena* are taken into account, it will be admitted that higher praise could scarcely be bestowed upon the performer. It is a great pleasure to listen to Mme. Di Murska's delivery of music of this kind, and we trust that during the tour upon which she is about to depart no one will neglect an opportunity of hearing her. The recital of "Marta" does not need review. We must mention, however, that Signor Verati, as *Lionello*, did exceedingly well, and obtained a deserved encore for a very unaffected and expressive reading of "M'appari."

OPERA AT THE STADT.

Mme. Lucca did not sing in "Don Juan" at the Stadt Theatre, last evening, because of indisposition, nor will she appear to-morrow. She is, however, announced for Tuesday, when "Fra Diavolo" is to be repeated. We have to note that Mr. Carlberg will supersede Mr. Bergmann as leader of the orchestra.

THE OPERA BOUFFE.

The two weeks' season of opera bouffe at the Lyceum Theatre will be entered upon to-morrow evening, when Mlle. Marie Aimée and the artists who first made known "La Fille de Mme. Angot" in this City, will reproduce that amusing and tuneful work. M. Lecoq's latest achievement will be brought out at the Lyceum in unexceptionable style, and, from appearances, will have another "run," only to be interrupted by the necessity of fulfilling engagements elsewhere.

BRIEF NOTES.

Mr. Theodore Thomas gave a matinée concert at Steinway Hall, yesterday, when a fine programme, of which Beethoven's eighth symphony, and Liszt's "Tasso," were prominent parts, was admirably interpreted. Mr. M. W. Whitney was the soloist.... M. Henri Wieniawski is to have a farewell benefit concert at Steinwpy Hall, Thursday evening; we shall print the programme, in the recital of which M. Maurel, Mlle. Torriani, Signor Ferranti, and other artists, are to take part, hereafter. ....The fourth concert of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Society occurred last evening. We shall speak of it in detail to-morrow....On Friday evening next a concert for the benefit of the Howard Glover Family will take place at Decker's Rooms.

DRAMATIC.

WALLACK'S THEATRE—REAPPEARANCE OF JOHN GILBERT.

The unavoidable postponement of the promised production of "The Heir at Law" was doubtless a severe disappointment to the public. The cause of it was Mr. John Brougham's sudden and severe attack of illness, which has entirely prostrated that gentleman. Had the postponement of "The Heir at Law" prevented the appearance of Mr. John Gilbert the disappointment would have been a double one. No such untoward circumstance, however, occurred. Upon the performance of last evening being changed to "Money," Mr. Gilbert assumed his old character of *Stout*, to the delight of an exceedingly large audience. The gentleman's reception was enthusiastic in the extreme. Round after round of applause greeted him, and after the applause had apparently subsided, the veteran's first lines brought forth a repetition of the enthusiasm, and made altogether a tribute of which an actor of even Mr. Gilbert's experience and fame may be justly proud. We have no other such actor. John Gilbert to-day stands alone in his profession. Neither the English nor American stage can produce his rival. His range of characters extends over the widest field of dramatic literature. His *Sir Anthony Absolute, Sir Peter Teazle, Lord Duberly*, and his many other pictures from the old standard comedies, stand alone on the modern stage. To consummate and conscientious art in John Gilbert must be added a personal reputation which is nothing short of his professional fame. The comedy audience of New-York, to be found only at Wallack's Theatre, appreciate John Gilbert so thoroughly as to feel his absence from the stage as a personal loss. Returning with renewed health and vigor, they will probably soon see him in a series of his most famous and delightful creations. Of his performance of *Stout* last night, it is almost unnecessary to speak. It is as well known to New-York as Booth's *Hamlet*. It is not one of Mr. Gilbert's best performances, by any means. The character gives no scope for fine acting. But all that could be done in a legitimate way with it was seen in Mr. Gilbert's performance. We may make particular mention of his "make up" for *Mr. Stout*. He gave us just one of those pictures of eccentric character which, while far out of the commonplace of life, did not border on the grotesque or extravagant. Mr. Gilbert's acting seemed to inspire the entire performance of "Money" last night with new vigor, and the comedy passed off amid the most gratifying tokens of approval.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.

Booth's Theatre was last night the scene of some remarkably fine acting, and some shocking bad thunder. The acting was supplied by Mme. Janauschek, and the thunder, we suppose, by the prompter. Modern science, as applied to stage mechanism, ought surely be able to supply some better imitation of thunder than the monotonous beating of a bass drum by a herculean prompter. This primitive contrivance had last night nearly the effect of spoiling the entire second act of "Macbeth." When Mme. Janauschek, as *Lady Macbeth*, was speaking her best lines, in tones of subdued intensity, the "thunder" was loudest, and when Mr. Levick, as *Macbeth*, was speaking in careful whispers, the "thunder" was almost deafening. The audience last night at Booth's Theatre filled every seat and standing place in the building. The favor with which Mme. Janauschek's performances have been received has nightly increased in enthusiasm, and is as creditable to the genius of the actress as it is to the public admiration of sterling merit. Mme. Janauschek gave us a very striking and original performance of *Lady Macbeth*. In many respects it resembled Miss Cushman's famous performance. It had all the force and vigor of that lady's acting, while it brought forth a number of original readings, which, while never given for the mere sake of effect, evidenced, in the strongest possible light, the originality and strength of this actress's peculiar genius. Her sleep-walking scene was quite a revelation. It differed in almost every material point from that of any other famous actress, and was withal one of the most electrical and yet artistic pieces of acting Janauschek has yet given us. The applause which greeted the lady at the close of this scene was as demonstrative as it was deserved. Mr. Levick is to be complimented upon showing an exceedingly intelligent conception of *Macbeth*. We are sorry to say, though, that his conception fell far short of his conception. The gentleman lacks both physique and voice for the part, and his praiseworthy efforts to cover these shortcomings by painfully particular attention to details only made the tragedy tedious without adding one jot to its effect. Mr. Walcot was admirable as *Macduff*, and Mr. Daly read the lines of *Banquo* with becoming emphasis and appreciation. The setting of the tragedy was particularly fine and appropriate, as were also the costumes and the incidental music.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.

The enterprise of the manager of the Fifth Avenue Theatre finds an appropriate reward in the success of the play which was produced there on last Tuesday, "Charity." Mr. Gilbert's latest dramatic production surpasses even its London reputation, and its intrinsic worth is of course greatly enhanced by the excellent representation and stage setting which it receives at Mr. Daly's house. There is no doubt that its intricacies are somewhat embarrassing, and that its developments are a trifle tortuous, but these defects are more than counterbalanced by the terse and epigrammatic force of the author's dialogue, as well as by the delicately poetical treatment common to all Mr. Gilbert's dramatic compositions. It is true that the theme turns upon more worldly and immediate interests than he is accustomed to handle, but even in this new direction, the special powers which gained Mr. Gilbert his repute in such plays as "Pygmalion and Galatea," "The Palace of Truth," and the like, are in no way obscured or disguised. The setting of the play at the Fifth Avenue Theatre must of necessity greatly improve its general proportions and render it especially acceptable to play-goers. Those nice elaborations and pleasing details which never escape the watchful eye of the experienced manager, are most assiduously looked to, and with entirely satisfactory results. The repetition of "Charity" during the past week has made its strong points more objective, and has removed those crudities and imperfections from which a first performance is never altogether free. Then the members of the company are, as it were, more assimilated with the parts which they represent, and anything in the nature of constraint or singularity of acting is eradicated. All the leading members of the company are suited with rôles which appear to be especially adapted to their capacities. The manifest experience and training of Miss Ada Dyas stand her in good stead of any particularly powerful attributes, and Miss Fanny Davenport has quite escaped from the trammels of her usually rather middling achievements by the strength and artistic interpretation which she brings to the impersonation of *Ruth Tredgett*. With so good a play as "Charity" on the boards of Mr. Daly's theatre, and with excellent acting and fine accessories, large and enthusiastic audiences are the present order of things, and, of course, a brilliant run for the new play is in the prospective.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.

It might be a pertinent question to ask whether the play-goers of the City are ever likely to tire of "Led Astray," and a negative response would hardly be too extravagant an affirmation of its deserved success. The bills night after night, and the advertisements day after day, contain the truthful information (which cannot be always said of these partial mediums) that "there is no diminution of the interest of the public in this most charming play." Were centennial celebrations to have days instead of years for their basis, that of "Led Astray" might be commemorated on next Friday evening. During the week it will run from its ninety-sixth to its hundred and third performance. The management, however, make an announcement of the fact that they have purchased from the authors, Messrs. D'Ennery and Cormon, the exclusive right to represent in the country "Les Deux Orphelines," which is now running at Porte St. Martin Theatre, Paris, and which is claimed to be the greatest Parisian success in twenty-five years.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

"A Round of Pleasure" is still in the ascendant at the Grand Opera-house, but with such pleasant variety as prevents even pleasure becoming one-sided and monotonous. There are no less than nine distinct items on the week's programme, Mr. Fox, of course, holding the most prominent position. "Jack Harkaway at Sea" and "Humpty Dumpty at School" are his present entertainments. The engagement of the Martinetti Family of pantomimists (ten in number) is announced....The attraction at Niblo's, during the week, is Mr. Frank Mayo's representation of "Davy Crockett," a very agreeable sketch of a backwoodsman's life, with a good deal of force and free from much of that exaggeration which might be supposed to belong to such a subject. *Davy* is the principal figure in a very well-constructed play.... The Olympic is still given to vaudeville and novelty entertainment. The Berger Family introduce their new acts and musical novelties. Sol Smith Russell illustrates the humorous side of things, and there is a whole host of other artists, each claiming to be the bright particular star in his or her line...."Paris by Moonlight," which is at present being exhibited at the Colosseum, will be replaced in a few weeks by the cycloramas of "London in 1874, by Night," which lately arrived in this country. There will be a variation of the attractions in the Lectorium during the week....The *clientele* of Dan Bryant's pleasant temple of minstrelsy have reason to be satisfied with the programme which the management furnishes. Its quality is good, and the attractions which it contains are of ample variety.... Mr. George L. Fox terminates his connection with the Grand Opera-house and Messrs. Duff and Daly on March 14. He will then, associated with a gentleman hitherto unknown in dramatic circles, assume the management of the Broadway Theatre. Mr. Fox has secured a lease of the premises from Mr. A. T. Stewart, and will conduct the house as a pantomime and ballet theatre. The style of pantomime will resemble that formerly given at Niblo's by the Ravels rather than the spectacular pantomime of the Olympic and other theatres. He has engaged a large and efficient company, adapted to this style of entertainment, including Mr. C. K. Fox and the Rigl sisters....Miss Stella Congdon, the young lady who made so successful a début as *Moth* in "Love's Labor's Lost," at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, is not, as was generally supposed, a sister of Miss Fanny Davenport, but is a young lady from "society," who has been for some time under the tutorship of Miss Fanny Morant.

FRENCH PLAYS AT THE LYCEUM.

A performance of French plays for the benefit of M. Paul Juignet was given at the Lyceum Theatre, last evening. The *pièce de résistance* of the bill was a three-act comedy, called "L'Infortunée Caroline," which turns upon the self-inflicted, and exceedingly comical tortures of a young wife who finds her husband too prosaic for her, and lashes herself into all sorts of moods by misinterpreting his every word and act. *Caroline's* father and mother aid and abet her in harassing her quite inoffensive husband, and an endless succession of laughable incidents grows out of the situation. Had "L'Infortunée Caroline" been acted with the requisite briskness, the merriment would have been continuous; the "waits" between the acts, unlucky, were interminable, and now and then the representation itself dragged a little. The first and second acts, however, elicited much hilarity, and M. Juignet's portrayal of the bespeckled confectioner, M. Valter's sketch of his father-in-law, and the inquisitorial mother-in-law presented by Mme. Daire, were elaborate and effective personations.

A NOTABLE REPRESENTATION.

They do some things exceedingly well in England. Witness the performance about to occur for the benefit of Mr. Benjamin Webster. Mr. Webster is an artist and manager has been before the public upward of half a century, and who has been one of the steadiest laborers in his profession. The representation now being gotten up as a testimonial to him is, artistically, in keeping with his claims. "The School for Scandal" is to be given, and every actor of note in Great Britain is to appear in it. It would, of course, be useless to expatiate upon the merits of each of the performers, for the reader at all interested in theatrical matters is in possession of sufficient information on the subject. But we make room for the "cast," which is as follows: *Sir Peter Teazle*, Mr. Phelps; *Sir Oliver Surface*, Mr. S. Emery; *Charles Surface*, Mr. Charles Mathews; *Joseph Surface*, Mr. Creswick; *Sir Benjamin Backbite*, Mr. Buckstone; *Crabtree*, Mr. Compton; *Rowley*, Mr. Horace Wigan; *Moses*, Mr. J. L. Toole; *Careless*, Mr. H. J. Montague; *Trip*, Mr. J. Clarke; *Sir Harry Bumper*, Mr. Santley; *Lady Teazle*, Miss Helen Faucit; *Mrs. Candour*, Mrs. Stirling; *Lady Sneerwell*, Mrs. Mellon; *Maria*, Miss Isabel Bateman. An address written by Mr. John Oxenford, is to be read, previous to the comedy, by Mrs. Keeley, and Mr. Henry Irving will give a recitation. The rehearsals already made for this event indicate a very brilliant success.

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

THE SUNDAY CLOSING ACT—A VICTORY FOR THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 7.—The temperance people have finally carried their point, and have achieved a great victory in the matter of the closing of the saloons on Sunday, and, as a consequence, are highly elated over their success. This morning a committee representing the Supreme Council of the Liquor-dealers' Association called upon Mayor Stokley, and stated their object was to deliver to him the following resolutions, which were recently adopted:

Resolved, That all persons connected with this association be and are hereby requested to close their place of business on Sunday, March 8, 1874, and on each succeeding Sunday thereafter.

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to present the above resolution, and convey therewith our sentiments of appreciation of your impartial and just action, guaranteeing as it does, that the rights of all classes under the laws shall be respected, regardless of clamor or excitement.

The Mayor said that he felt complimented by the resolutions, and was pleased with their spirit, and felt confident that they would be carried out. The spokesman of the liquor-dealers, John Wharton, assured his Honor that the resolutions would be observed in good faith. He said that they had been unanimously passed by the liquor-dealers in the Twenty-ninth Ward, full representations being present from nineteen wards of the city.

Meanwhile, in the Court of Common Pleas, another scene was being enacted, Judges Allison, Finletter, and Pierce being upon the bench. The court-room was crowded with spectators. The court delivered a voluminous opinion regarding the Sunday prohibitory act of 1855, in presence of the Baptist clergymen who had waited upon the Mayor a few days before. The opinion declared that Police officers had perfect right to arrest a man for misdemeanor without warrant, upon seeing the commission of the act, and declaring also that if such cases were returned to that court, they would be dealt with in that spirit.

This afternoon Mayor Stokle directed Chief of Police Jones to issue the following proclamation:

To all whom it may concern:, In consequence of the interpretation this day placed by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas upon the act of Assembly of 1855, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, notice is hereby given that orders have been issued to the Police force to aid in bringing the violators of its provisions to justice. All good citizens are earnestly invited to co-operate with the authorities in enforcing the act.

The saloons of the city to-morrow will be closed, and great will be the rejoicing thereat. Temperance meetings will be held in prominent churches and halls in various parts of the city. The victory will greatly encourage the women to prosecute their movement, but the saloon-keepers will make no further concessions.

OHIO.

THE WORK OF THE WEEK IN CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 7.—The crusaders moved in four squads to-day. No liquor-dealers have signed the pledge, but a number have informed the ladies that they have closed their liquor trade. The presumption is that they want to hold themselves free to resume the traffic if the woman's movement should not succeed, and therefore will not pledge themselves. The ladies close the week's work with the nerve and enthusiasm that characterized the commencement, and announce that they will resume hostilities Monday.

PROGRESS OF THE MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE STATE.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 7.—At Findlay, Ohio, the woman's temperance movement is progressing beyond the most sanguine expectations of the people. After three days' work more than 200 have signed the pledge, and four saloon-keepers have surrendered. This morning, a large quantity of liquor was emptied into the streets. The ladies are encamped and will not stop singing and praying until every saloon in town is closed. About 400 ladies are engaged in the work. At Maumee City and Perrysburg the ladies have organized to the number of 100 in each place, and will inaugurate the crusade immediately. No definite plan of action has yet been decided upon in this city. A meeting has, however, been called for Monday evening to consider the matter.

THE MOVEMENT IN CLEVELAND AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 7.—The interest in the temperance movement is constantly increasing, and the ladies are organizing in various parts of the city for a determined campaign. Several saloons were visited to-day.

In Newburg, a suburban town, one dealer was induced to renounce his calling.

A committee of ladies from the First Universalist Church, at Mount Gilead, visited the saloons in that place to-day, and received the signatures of all the liquor-dealers to their pledge.

At Elyria the largest temperance meeting ever convened in that city was held last night. More than 1,000 persons were present, and unusual enthusiasm was manifested, indicating the earnestness of the people.

The crusade is going on at Alliance. A large meeting was held in the Opera-house last night. Two bars have been closed. Work on the street will begin next week.

At New-Philadelphia the ladies' army number over 200. Daily prayer-meetings are being held, and many business men attend. Communications were received from the Grand Jury urging immediate work. Out of eighty-four indictments presented to the court seventy were for selling liquor.

At Wooster thorough preparations are being made to move on the saloons early next week.

KANSAS.

A TEMPERANCE MASS-MEETING AT LEAVENWORTH.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 7.—A temperance mass-meeting was held here last night, and, in spite of the inclement weather, was largely attended. There was much enthusiasm manifested. No saloons were visited. The ladies have called a meeting of their members for organization and perfecting plans, to be held Monday afternoon. The churches are to devote Sunday to prayer for the good of the cause. A determination is expressed to commence a general series of day visitations as soon as an organization is effected.

NEW-JERSEY.

THE VISIT TO THE SALOONS POSTPONED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 7.—The temperance crusade has been postponed here on account of the organization of the women not being satisfactorily completed. This morning most of the saloon-keepers received notices through the mail to the effect that the visit to the bar-rooms had been deferred until next week, at which time the praying bands would assemble, and hoped to be courteously received. The ladies of Camden are neither discouraged nor dismayed. Yesterday a delegation of temperance women waited upon Theodore W. Jones, the proprietor of a prominent whisky shop in the centre of the city, and asked him if he would not abandon his business and turn his attention to something more legitimate. This he refused to do, when they stated that a praying band would visit his saloon soon, and hoped they would be received in a courteous manner. He replied they could come and pray in his bar-room as much as they liked, but if they interfered with his business he would call upon the police and have them taken to the lock-up. Dr. Reynell Coates, who is well known as having run upon the Native American ticket with Daniel Webster for Vice President of the United States, is taking an active part in the temperance movement. The clergymen are also participating with zeal and spirit. The ladies were expected to inaugurate the crusade last night, and the liquor-dealers made every preparation to receive them. One saloon had hired a brass band, and another employed a singing society to drown their proceedings if they had put in an appearance. The saloons were all crowded to excess in anticipation of the visit, and excitement was high.

TEMPERANCE RALLY IN PASSAIC.

A large temperance rally was held on Friday night, in the Presbyterian Church, Passaic. A number of clergymen were present, and Dr. J. M. Howe, Vice President of the New-Jersey State Temperance Society, presided. A plan of action was decided upon. An organization to be known as the Temperance Alliance of Passaic was effected. It was proposed to publish the names of all freeholders signing petitions for licenses, as well as those who sell liquor, and of those who frequent the saloons. The clergymen of the different churches, with Dr. Howe, were appointed an Executive Committee. The clergymen, at the next meeting, are to name three laymen from their respective charges, who will be added to the committee. There are twenty-four licensed drinking-places and six or eight unlicensed in the village. Several of the saloon-keepers of Newark yesterday received, through the post, cards notifying them that a committee of ladies will visit their respective places of business some day this week. These notices purport to have been signed by a committee of ladies of Newark, but it is thought to be a hoax. The saloon-keepers say that if the threat be executed the ladies will be received and treated courteously. In the Newark courts yesterday several saloon-keepers were tried for violation of the Sunday Liquor law. One Frinsfeld, who had notified the public that a church meeting would be held in his saloon one Sunday, was fined $100 and costs.

LOCAL NOTES.

IN THIS CITY.

The temperance agitators were busy yesterday in arranging a programme for meetings in this City and vicinity next week. To-day, at 3 P. M., the usual meetings in aid of the cause will be held in the chapel of the Church of the Strangers, in the Methodist church on East Seventeenth street, in the Forsyth M. E. Church, and the first of a series in a large brewery on One Hundred and Nineteenth street, Harlem. To-night Mr. A. T. McMullen and some ladies will attend a meeting in Harry Hill's saloon on Houston street. The Good Templars, following the example of the Sons of Temperance, have in contemplation a large mass-meeting next week. As yet the temperance women have not fully decided to visit and pray in the liquor saloons. Only a few have proclaimed a willingness to do so, and the main body of the temperance women disclaim any connection with this class. The meeting in the chapel of the Church of the Strangers, it is expected, will be the centre of attraction to-day. At the meeting last Sunday nearly 200 persons came forward and signed the pledge.

THE CAUSE ON LONG ISLAND.

Now that the women of Long Island City and suburbs have taken hold of the temperance subject, the people begin to perceive that something is to be accomplished, and that speedily. The young ladies have united with the societies of Astoria, and are going in to win, and at their mass-meeting to-morrow night, confidently expect large accessions to the local organizations. The liquor-dealers ridicule the idea of their being frightened into temperance, and will make a hard fight. Several saloonists are willing to sell out their business. The temperance prayer-meeting to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock will doubtless attract a large assemblage, the novelty of seeing the women conducting the meeting being the attraction. To-morrow night a mass-meeting will assemble in Smithsonian Hall, Central avenue and West Third street, to organize a lodge of Good Templars, at which time an election of officers will take place. This evening a temperance sermon will be preached at the Sixth Street Methodist Episcopal Church by its pastor.

In Southold, Long Island, a lecture entitled "Beauty and the Beast, or, Women's War against Whisky," was delivered before a large audience by Rev. W. C. Steel on Thursday night. This place is one of the strongest anti-liquor towns on the island, there being but one saloon open, and the people of the village are making strenuous efforts to have it closed.

DR. CHANDLER ON HEALTH AND HEALTH LAWS.

On yesterday evening a lectnre was delivered in the Cooper Institute by Dr. Chandler, President of the Board of Health, on "Health and Health Laws." The lecture was not so comprehensive as was intended, owing to a suggestion by a gentleman on the platform. Dr. Chandler, however, after a brief prefaratory introduction, said that man was the most perfect of animals in physical and mental developments, and as the engine required water and air, so the human being required the agencies of the creation to develop his natural endowments. He described how the animal must have a digestive food that will find its way into the channels necessary for the propagation of life; that the heart is only a force-pump from which all the blood permeating the system receives its impulse. There are only two sets of channels, the one bringing the blood to the extremities called arteries and the other bringing it back to the reservoirs called veins, the capillaries acting as agents. He entered into an elaborate explanation, showing the death average from a want of proper supply of air and water in Liverpool and New-York —in the former 32 in 1,000, and in the latter that nearly one-half the death-rate was among children under five years of age, but decreasing as they grew in years. He observed, further, that for those who die in New-York, there are two sick. Here he quoted from a record kept not long ago by the Metropolitan Police. From 1860 to 1874 the average was twelve to twelve and a half on the 1,000. The average sickness, eleven and a half days per annum, lost 74,000 days, and in dollars about $37,000 a year. He remarked that not so many died from contagious diseases as was imagined, compared to the deaths resulting from bad air, want of food, shelter, poverty, &c. In the olden times, he said, epidemics were superstitiously regarded, and the people considered they came in punishment of existing evils, but he demonstrated that they were the result of natural negligence. That the instances of plague in various countries originated from a want of drainage and adoption of proper reservoirs for water, &c. The sanitary works in England, for example Dover and other towns, by the introduction of fresh water, reduced the percentage in consumption and typhoid. Health, he said, is the working man's capital. The emigrant is worth $1,000, and the able-bodied man worth several times more. He pointed out that the sanitary improvements in England increased the average length of lives in a geometrical ratio. Having entered into a lengthy description of the oxygen in the air and its effects in the human system, as well as epidemics proceeding from the atmosphere, he dwelt considerably on the insufficiency of air in tenement-houses and school-rooms. He showed the prevalence of carbon arising from neglected sewerage—decayed vegetables and traps in houses, from which gases escaped prejudicial to health. The trap, especially, should be placed outside to prevent any communication with the house; also the closet in houses should be kept closed at night. As water carries nutrition in its pure state, yet there is no such thing as chemically pure water, it may have components, such as potassium, magnesia, a compound of several waters, it enters so largely into the existence of life that its consideration is of great importance. The Croton water, containing sulphate of potash and silica, is recommended in preference to soda. After discussing the properties and adulterations of bread, flour, milk, and liquors he wished to impress upon his audience that there was less adulteration in New-York than most people imagined.

ATHLETIC EXERCISES.

A large number of spectators assembled last evening in Wood's Gymnasium, East Twenty-eighth street, to witness a sparring, fencing, and wrestling entertainment, given as a complimentary testimonial to Prof. James O'Neill by his pupils. The exercises during the evening showed considerable proficiency in the amateur performers, and frequently elicited the marked applause of those occupying the benches encircling the arena. The entertainment commenced with a sparring match between William Stafford and J. Phillips. The combatants were evenly matched, and exhibited much skill and dexterity. Prof. James O'Neill and James Reynolds then engaged in a sparring match, which was witnessed with much interest. This was followed by a wrestling match between Homer Lane and Matt Green. The skill and dexterity displayed in this match by the contestants showed a very careful training, and several times during the contest the spectators manifested their appreciation. Lane got the first fall and Grace won the second. On the third round both withdrew after an exciting contest, without either being brought to the ground. A sparring match was next witnessed between Dr. George S. Meigs and J. E. Russell, which was also applauded. Joseph Carroll and George A. Brown then entered the arena and took part in a sparring match, which was witnessed with evident satisfaction. E. A. Johnson and Capt. Jouerrerd then made their appearance on the boards, and went through a series of dexterous manœuvres in fencing with foils, after which Robert Cornell and William Devoe engaged in a sparring match. The exercises were then agreeably varied by a masterly trapeze performance by Shed Le Clair, whose wonderful dexterity was repeatedly applauded. Henry Buermeyer and Luke Walsh next engaged in an interesting sparring match, and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a sparring match between Prof. J. O'Neill and A. V. Gorcourts, one of his pupils.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Major W. L. Elliott, United States Army, is at the Sturtevant House.

Capt. William Jacobsen, of the British Army, is at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Gen. W. F. Bartlett, of Massachusetts, and Capt. Mirehouse, of the steam-ship City of Montreal, are at the New-York Hotel.

Rev. Robert Laird Collier, of Chicago, is at the Union Square Hotel.

Hon. F. Plunkett, of England; Hon. H. L. Dawes, of Massachusetts; Hon. J. H. Selkreg, of Ithaca, and Hon. H. G. Eastman, of Poughkeepsie, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Gen. Robert C. Schenck, United States Minister to England; Judge Benjamin R. Curtis, of Boston; Col. Thomas A. Scott, Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Hon. Burton C. Cook, of Chicago, are at the Everett House.

TOWN TOPICS.

TRIAL OF JAMES C. KING FOR MURDER.

The trial of James C. King, indicted for the murder of Anthony E. O'Neil, was continued before Judge Brady and a jury in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday. As heretofore, District Attorney Phelps conducted the case for the prosecution, the prisoner being represented by Messrs. William A. Beach, Howe & Hummel, and John O. Mott. Among the prisoner's friends present in court was Miss Fanny Haywood, the actress, who sat near him and occasionally conversed with him.

On behalf of the accused, Mr. Julius A. Palmer testified to having known him in California, where he lived in style and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He (the accused) seemed passionately fond of his children. Subsequently saw him in New-York, where his manner was different, and sometimes seemed wild. He met him in September, 1872, and the first thing the prisoner said to him was, "I have had the most trouble I have ever had in my life; I found my wife was living with another man." Witness took him to his room, where he repeated the story, expressed fear of being shot, and said if they did not kill him he would kill himself; believed the prisoner irrational.

Maria Foreman, a colored girl, who lived as servant in Mr. King's family, testified that O'Neil was in the habit of visiting Mrs. King frequently during her husband's absence, and remaining until 9 or 10 o'clock at night; that on such occasions witness would be ordered by Mrs. King to take the children away to play, and that O'Neil's visits were but seldom when Mr. King was at home; that after Mrs. King left home, she (witness) informed Mr. King of such visits.

Several witnesses testified to having seen King and O'Neil out shooting together.

Mrs. Maria Turner testified to seeing King, in speaking of his children, wring his hands, and say if they took them away from him he would be a ruined man.

Charles A. Larmont, a resident of Turner's Station, testified to being on a train when Mr. King requested him to speak to Mrs. King, and ask her to leave where she was sitting, between Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil, saying that if she was once away from their influence he had no doubt she would come back to live with him, but the witness refused to interfere.

A telegram from King to Jesse A. Folk was here produced, in which King says he has discovered full and complete evidence of the guilt of the parties.

John Horn, a railway brakeman, saw O'Neil and Mrs. King walking on the railroad track and disappear in the woods, and he (witness) made the fact known to Mr. King.

Isaac Barnes, a constable at Turner's Station, testified to Mr. King having put him in charge of his house when Mrs. King went away. King gave him a gun and a pistol, and instructions to shoot any one who attempted to take the children away. On that occasion King was very much excited. Witness had a tussle with King on the occasion of the execution of an order granted, by Judge Blatchford, in bankruptcy. The quarrel was in reference to the possession of a gun-case, which King finally gave up to him.

Joseph O. Weaver testified to the extreme fondness exhibited by King for his children while stopping at Newport in the hotel of witness.

The trial here adjourned to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

THE BROADWAY EXPLOSION.

The origin of the explosion at Broadway and Twentieth street still remains a mystery. Mr. Newton, the agent of the Parlor Artillery Company, is still in hospital, but is able to converse freely. He states that he was not handling the caps at the time of the explosion, but was standing at the doorway of the store, looking out into the street. He asserts that he is confident no other explosive material than the caps was in the store at the time, but, as on former occasions, states his entire inability to advance any theory as to the cause which led to the extraordinary occurrence. A number of experiments were made on Friday with the paper cartridges, at Greenville, N. J., by Mr. Gildersleve, Superintendent of the Bureau of Combustibles. The cover was removed from a wooden box containing a gross of paper boxes each, (making fifty of the caps,) and a detonating bomb was fired into it without causing an explosion. Then a fuse was lighted and set in the centre, but the paper of one box only was consumed. Afterward a torpedo was exploded in the centre of another box, and still no explosion of the contents followed. Finally a musket-ball was fired through the centre of the box, and exploded the contents, proving that a sharp, swift blow is necessary to cause an explosion. Ordinary percussion has no effect whatever on the cartridges. The Superintendent of the Bureau of Combustibles is still engaged in trying to solve the mystery of the cause of the explosion, but so far without result. Mr. Newton, the agent, states that the cartridges which exploded were in the window, and this fact has been seized upon by those who adhere to the theory that the explosion was the result of spontaneous combustion, caused by the heat of the sun's rays. Experiments, however, have failed to prove this theory, and those who are in every way competent to form an opinion on the subject dismiss the idea as absurd. The Post Office Department at Washington has issued instructions to Postmasters respecting the transmission of "parlor artillery," toy mortars, through the Post Office. The heads of the department direct that persons engaged in their manufacture and sale be notified that such articles will not be received for transmission through the mails.

MUNICIPAL REFORM.

A meeting of the Eighteenth Ward Council of Political Reform was held last night at Eighteenth street and Third avenue, Mr. P. Frankenheimer in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the Committee on Grievances appointed to investigate the conduct of Oliver Charlick, reported that they had performed a great deal of good, and laid several matters before the Grand Jury for the consideration of that body, but could not say what action would be taken on them. So many lawyers had shown themselves anxious to counteract the work of the committee, that they did not know what would become of it. The action of Col. Spencer in introducing a bill asking for compensation for the clothing of the regiment worn during the war was severely criticised, the statement being made that none of the members of the Fifth Regiment who served in the war were at present connected with the regiment. Mr. Haight thought the City should support a standing army of 1,000 men, to be used as auxiliaries to the Police Force. They would be very useful to clean Broadway in case a Police Commissioner should die, and would make an imposing display when marching at the head of the funeral cortège. (Laughter.) The whole subject was referred to a committee of three on armories. After an address on municipal affairs generally from Mr. E. H. Jenny, Mr. Haight said that inasmuch as it had been shown that gross mismanagement had existed in the Police Department, through which great frauds had been perpetrated on the City, and a great many persons had been spoken of as successors of the late King of the Department, who had lain in state in the City Hall, for what reason he knew not, they were glad to learn of the nomination which had been made by the Mayor. He, therefore, proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Council of Political Reform of the Eighteenth Ward, earnestl desire and recommend the Board of Aldermen to confirm the nomination of Mr. Andrews for Police Commissioner, he being, in our opinion, an honest man, and eminently fitted for the position.

Mr. Jenny, while regretting that the Department of Taxes should lose the valuable services of Mr. Andrews, thought the Police Department would be largely benefitted by his accession.

The resolution of Mr. Haight was unanimously adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

DEDICATION OF A NEW SYNAGOGUE.

The splendid synagogue, or, as the modern Jews chose to call it, temple, at the corner of Sixty-third street and Lexington avenue, which had been erected by the Congregation Anshi Chesed, formerly worshiping in Norfolk street, and dedicated by them to the worship of the Almighty during the last Summer, has passed into the hands of a new congregation, Beth El. This congregation is formed by a combination of the congregation Anshi Chesed and Adas Jeshurun, the latter of whom had their temple in West Thirty-ninth street, near Seventh avenue. Both congregations had for some years abandoned the orthodox form of worship cultivated by their forefathers, and adopted prayers in English, instead of the Hebrew, as formerly. Rev. Dr. David Emhorn, one of the best Talmudists in this country, was the Minister of the Congregation Adas Jeshurun, while the Congregation Anshi Chesed, though owning one of the finest houses of worship, had no spiritual head, and despite all efforts to form one, had thus far been unsuccessful. Both congregations determined, thereupon, to join their interests and become one, which union was effected some time since, and thus the new congregation "Beth El" originated. This congregation yesterday took formal possession of the temple erected on the corner of Sixty-third street and Lexington avenue, and celebrated the event yesterday morning by a solemn service, which, in spite of the severity of the weather was well attended. The form of service of the new congregation is that gotten up by Rev. Dr. Emhorn, which though retaining most of the prayers peculiar to the Jews, has them in English or German instead of the Hebrew. That service discusses every allusion to the bondage of the Hebrews during the Middle Ages, as the reform Jew of America believes that he is now freer from every physical bond. Thus the prayer for a speedy return to the Holy City, so frequently uttered in the orthodox synagogue is not heard, but instead of this hymns and praise are sung. The musical portion of the service was finely rendered by Rev. Mr. Goldstein, assisted by a chorus, accompanied by the splendid organ.

OLIVER CHARLICK'S "JANE MOSELY."

John A. Wyman has commenced a suit in the Superior Court of this City to recover from Oliver Charlick the sum of $7,389 93 for services rendered. In his complaint Mr. Wyman alleges that, from the 8th of March, 1873, to and including the 28th of June, 1873, he rendered services to Charlick in the form of Jolson's Work on and part construction of the steam-boat Jane Moseley, to the value of $15,389 93; that Charlick paid on account $8,000, leaving still due the balance for which suit is brought, and which Charlick has neglected, although promised, to pay. Charlick answers the complaint by a general denial. Yesterday a motion was made in Superior Court, Chambers, on behalf of plaintiff, to send the case before a Referee, and the court granted the motion.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

WHAT IS GOING ON AMONG THE CITY REGIMENTS.

Inspector Gen. Morris, having concluded a thorough inspection of the books and papers of the various organizations in this vicinity, has commenced an informal inspection of the troops of the State. As these inspections are held indoors, and usually conclude with a promenade concert or hop, they are made very interesting to spectators, as well as the members of the several commands.

The inspection and review of the Seventh Regiment, by Inspector Gen. Morris, will take place at the Union square Plaza, on Tuesday evening next, at 8 P. M. Should the weather prove unfavorable, however, it will take place at the armory.

Several drills have been held by Col. Braine and the officers of the Ninth Regiment in the Wingate manual, both theoretical and practical. The Captains of companies have been instructing their various commands in the candle practice. A review and inspection will be held on March 18, to be followed by a promenade concert by the regimental band, on which occasion a new piece of music will be introduced, called the "Ninth Regiment Quick-step."

The Twelfth Regiment Col. Ward commanding, paraded at the State Arsenal on Monday evening, eight commands of twelve files front. The battalion was in full-dress uniform, and the music was furnished by the drum corps. A large number of spectators assembled to witness the manœuvres. At the conclusion of the battalion movements Capt. Healy, of Company F, was, in behalf of the company, presented by Col. Ward with a check for $100, the amount offered a year ago by the regimental commander to the company exhibiting the best attendance throughout the year. A dress-parade followed.

Col. Jourdan has issued the following order to the Thirteenth Regiment: The field and non-commissioned staff officers and Adjutant and the several companies are ordered to assemble at the State Arsenal, Portland avenue, Brooklyn, on Wednesdays, March 11 and 25, at 7:30 P. M. The field and line officers are directed to assemble in fatigue uniform for instruction on each Friday of the present month, at the City Armory, at 8 P. M. The resignations have been accepted of Capt. Thomas H. McGrath of Company A, First Lieut. Robt. H. Bartholmee, First Lieut. James J. Boylan, Second Lieut. George W. Kempton, of Company D, has been promoted to be First Lieutenant, vice J. Laidlaw, discharged. Andrew F. Tompe has been elected Second Lieutenant of Company B, vice H. Brooks, discharged; Eugene Honeywell, of Company B, has been expelled, and the following members honorably discharged: Silas P. Wyckoff, Edward A. Ketchum, and Thos. Highland, Company A; Andrew J. Burke, Company C; Wm. Valentine, Company D; Edward L. Bartlett, Company H; Augustus L. Mollman and James F. Kernan, Company K.

Gen. Shaler yesterday issued an order directing Capt. C. Mehring, at present commanding the Ninety-sixth Regiment, to resume drills at once, also to make application in writing to the Chief of Ordnance for the arms and equipments belonging to that command, at present stored in the Centre Street Armory, and to cause their removal to the new armory, corner of Second avenue and First street.

The armory of the Twenty-second Regiment in Fourteenth street was crowded by an audience of about 9,000 people on Monday evening last, the attraction being the charity concert given by the regiment. The programme was an excellent one, and carried out to the satisfaction of all present. The amount realized from the sale of tickets has not yet been ascertained by the committee in charge, but is supposed to be about $12,000. The second drill of the right wing took place at the armory on Friday night, under command of Major McGrath. The battalion presented fifteen files front, and executed with great skill the following movements: Formation of the right and left into line; right and left front into line; right and left front into line, face to rear; forming double column of fours, which is a new movement. Upton's revised tactics were used for the first time, and appeared to give general satisfaction, many movements having been rendered more clear by the revision.

The fourth of the series of band concerts given by the Twenty-third Regiment took place on Saturday, Feb. 28, and was more largely attended than those previously held. The music of the regimental band was good, and the programme sufficiently varied to be interesting. The next concert will take place Saturday, March 10, and will be preceded by the ceremony of guard-mounting.

The uniforms of the Twenty-fourth Regiment have been decided by the Judge Advocate General, J. Hampton Wood, to be the property of the State, notwithstanding the fact that they were mainly paid for by private subscription. In rendering his decision the Judge Advocate says:

It appears that the Twenty-fourth Regiment was uniformed under certain provisions of the late military code commonly known as that of 1866, which provided for the uniforming of non-commissioned officers and privates by the State, and which left in the State the ownership of the uniforms subject to the provisions of section 36 of that code, which, upon the desire of the regiment to have a more expensive uniform than the one then in use they were furnished with the cost per man of a State uniform and called upon to supplement the amount of money so furnished by the State with such funds as they secured by private subscription and money appropriated by the Common Council of Rensselaer. The act of 1870 authorizes the State authorities having given the permission, in the absence of proof of compliance with the requirement of section 36 of the military code of 1866, does not, in my judgment, divest the State of the ownership of these uniforms.

The field and company officers of the Twenty-seventh Regiment are directed to assemble for instruction in rifle practice at the armory of Companies C and E March 12; at the armory of Company A, at Morrisania, March 17, at 8 P. M. George G. De Witt, jr., has been elected Major, vice Jenkins, resigned; Second Lieut. Conrad Frederick, of Company A First Lieutenant, vice Eisle, resigned; Henry Haffen, Company A, Second Lieutenant, vice Conrad Frederick, promoted.

The Twenty-eighth Regiment is about to follow the example of the Forty-seventh and other regiments, and forward a memorial to the Legislature asking the refunding of the money expended in uniforms during the war. The regiment was three times called out for service, and on only one occasion was the uniform provided by the State. The sum asked for is about $15,000. The regiment is in a good condition, and numbers 450 enlisted men.

The Thirty-second Regiment, Col. Roehr commanding, has concluded not to parade with the other military organizations in the Eastern District of Brooklyn. The regiment had already made arrangements for a parade and reception in connection with the Fifth Regiment of this City, and claims that the expense attendant upon a parade is too great to be incurred so often. On Friday evening the field, line, and non-commissioned staff officers met for instruction in guard-mounting and rifle-practice.

The Forty-seventh Regiment, Col. Austen commanding, formally opened a new gymnasium at its armory, corner of Fourth and North Second streets, Brooklyn, on Friday evening. A gymnastic entertainment was provided by the pupils of Prof. Wood's class of the Y. M. C. A. of this City. It has been decided to keep the gymnasium open on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of each week. On Wednesday evening, Mr. S. W. Kimball will give instruction to the members. A small entrance fee will be charged to insure the payment of expenses. During the evening Rev. T. T. Kendrick, the newly elected Chaplain of the Regiment was introduced, and made a few appropriate remarks. Company I will give a promenade concert at the armory on Saturday evening next, for the benefit of the poor of the Seventeenth Ward. Capt. Nutting hopes in this way to aid the work of charity, and no pains will be spared to give an interesting entertainment. The company will give a closing reception on March 26. The regiment assembled in fatigue uniform for drill and instruction on Thursday evening last, preparatory to the dress review by Mayor Hunter, to take place on Wednesday evening next.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment, Col. Cavanaugh commanding, assembled for inspection, at the State Arsenal, on Wednesday evening last. The regiment formed for review with ten commands, of from twelve to sixteen files front. The review was very good. A few battalion movements followed the review and inspection, but the crowded condition of the arsenal and the full turn-out of the regiment left very little room for drill. Gen. Ward and staff were present.

The Seventy-first Regiment, Col. Vose commanding, assembled at the State Arsenal on Thursday evening for review by Inspector General Morris. Col. Vose exercised the command in the following movements: Column of fours break from right to march to the left, and the same by companies. On the left, double column at half distances, deploy column, etc. The regiment obeyed each order promptly, and executed it with grace and precision. After the review the regiment marched to its armory, where Bandmaster Eben opened with a promenade concert, which soon gave place to a hop, in which a large number participated. A fine collation was furnished by Company B to its friends, and a similar collation by the officers in their room. During the evening Col. Vose, in response to a general call for "a speech," addressed the assemblage, saying that he feared it was the last time he should address them on such an occasion in their present armory, if the wishes of the Board of Supervisors were carried out. He hoped for better things, however, and should do everything in his power to effect a renewal of the lease of their present armory. The members of the regiment were unanimous in the expression of their determination not to occupy the proposed armory in Ninth avenue, even though they were compelled to pay the rent of better quarters from their private means. The officers' quarters from their private means. The officers' armory on Second avenue was assembled at the arcade, ex-members, and members assembled at the armory Committee of the Board of Supervisors in refusing to renew the lease of their present armory. Col. Vose, Ex-Collector Cobb, Major Raymond, and others addressed the meeting, letters of sympathy were read from Gen. Shaler and other officers, stating that they would do all in their power to assist the regiment in the matter. Gen. Shaler in a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors stated that, in his opinion, the proposed change would have a most decided and damaging effect upon the efficiency of the regiment, that the present quarters of that command possessed the advantages of a strong tactical point and accessibility to many of the public centres of travel, and should never be abandoned as a military rendezvous, except for another in the immediate vicinity, and continued:

"The peculiar features of this regiment by the peculiarities of inaccessibility, (as compared with other more favorable,) are outside the dis-

trict chiefly occupied as residences by the officers and members, are on the top floor of a high building used as a stable, and the rooms are ill-y arranged for the use of a well-appointed regiment of infantry. The effluvia rising from an extensive horse-stable, to say nothing of its disagreeableness, is too damaging to the arms to be suffered, except under the most imperative circumstances."

Col. Vose stated, yesterday, to the writer, that an application had been made to him to admit an entire company from another regiment, whose officers are gradually tendering their resignations, and that he was favorable to its admission to his command. The field and staff officers have under consideration the adoption of a handsome black Astrakan cap, to be worn on dress occasions, similar in shape to the shako without the visor. The Charity entertainment, previously announced as under consideration, will take place on April 7, and will comprise a promenade concert and hop.

The Ninety-sixth Regiment were on Monday assigned to quarters on the second floor of the State Arsenal. The court-martial appointed for the trial of Col. Andrew Stauff convened at the "Rendezvous," in West Thirteenth street, on Monday last. The charges were: First—Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, to which a plea of "not guilty" was entered. Second—Disrespect to his superior officer. To this charge Mr. Wachner, as counsel for the Colonel, entered a demurrer pleading that the allegation did not sustain the charge. Demurrer sustained by the court. Third—Disobedience of orders, to which a plea of "not guilty" was made. A large number of witnesses were examined, including Col. Vilmar, of the Eleventh Regiment, Lieut. Col. Unbekant and Col. Carl Jussen. Decision reserved.

Capt. J. F. Simons, of the Howitzer Battery, Eleventh Brigade, Brooklyn, has issued an order to the following effect:

"An election to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Corporal C. E. Myers will be held at the State Arsenal on Monday evening, March 9. Officers and non-commissioned officers will assemble at the arsenal on Thursday, March 12, for drill and instruction. At an election held on Monday evening, Corporal H. W. Beebe was elected Sergeant, vice P. A. Morrell, resigned, and B. F. Leverich, Corporal, vice J. K. Wilson, resigned."

Early next month the new battery of Gatling guns apportioned to the Second Division will be handed over to this company. The new uniform of the members of the battery consists of grey full-dress coat with scarlet trimmings, and pants with red stripes, English forage cap, with crossed howitzers on the front, and a non-commissioned officer's sword.

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

DECISIONS.

No. 87.—*Mitchell* vs. *Tilghman.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York.—In this case the appellee recovered in the court below for an infringement of his patent for a new process in the use of fat acids in the manufactures to which they are adapted. The decree is here reversed, the court sustaining the theory of the defense that there was no infringement of the patent in the process used by the defendant. The court say that differences between the two processes so great as that exhibited in the record relieve the case, in their judgment, from all doubt, and warrant the conclusion that the process under which the respondent works is substantially different from that of the complainant. Mr. Justice Clifford delivered the opinion. Dissenting—Justices Swayne, Strong, and Bradley. Not sitting—Mr. Justice Davis.

No. 196.—*Cook et al.* vs. *Tullis.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Southern District of Ohio.—In this case Cook and others are the assignees in bankruptcy of one Thomas Homans, an insolvent, and as such seized to hold a demand note for $7,000, which, before his failure, he had deposited in the place of certain bonds and securities which Tullis had left with him for safe keeping, using the securities for his own purposes. This was done without the knowledge of Tullis, and about a month before the failure. The note maturing, Homans took measures for its collection, but the day of the suspension, and nearly a month before the petition was filed, he notified his attorney that the note belonged to Tullis. Under these circumstances the court below found that the note was the property of Tullis, and that the transfer was not a proceeding intended to give him a preference over other creditors contrary to the statute. That decision is affirmed here. Mr. Justice Field delivered the opinion. Mr. Justice Miller dissenting.

No. 194.—*Clinkenbeard et al.* vs. *The United States.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Mr. Justice Clifford announced the affirmance of the judgment in this case by a divided court.

No. 84.—*Travelers' Insurance Company* vs. *Seaver.*—Error to the Circuit Court for the District of Vermont.—This was an action on a policy of insurance against accidental death or injury, providing against death or injury caused by breach of the law by the assured, intoxication, or by his willfully exposing himself to any unnecessary danger or peril. The assured was killed driving a public trotting match, as alleged, by the misconduct of his competitor in the race. Upon the trial a nonsuit was asked, on the ground that the death was caused by a breach of the law on the part of the assured in participating in the race, and by the willful exposure of himself to an unnecessary danger or peril. The court refused so to rule, but instructed the jury that, while the race was a breach of the law within the meaning of the policy, still, if the jury found that the death was occasioned by the reckless driving of the competitor in violation of the rules of the race, with the intention of winning at all hazards, even though he crowded deceased off the track, then the death was not caused by the race, but by the competitor, and the plaintiff should recover. That whether the driving of the race was a willful exposure to an unnecessary danger was for the jury to determine. The language of this clause, however, should be taken most strictly against the defendants, as being used in their policy, and for the purpose of inducing parties to take policies. And if intelligent, fair-minded men in the vicinity of the assured would not regard it as excluding the driving of such a race, in view of the state of things then existing, the frequency of such matches, and the manner in which they are conducted, then the case would not be within that proviso, and the plaintiff would be entitled to recover. The verdict and judgment were for the plaintiff, and it was contended that the court erred in refusing the non-suit on the grounds stated, and in the foregoing charge to the jury. E. J. Phillips for plaintiff in error; H. H. Powers for defendant.

No. 212.—*Stevenson* vs. *Von Pughl.*—Error to the Supreme Court of Louisiana.—The main question in this case is that a judgment of a Court of Records made after trial and the terms of judgment extended by an agreement filed in the record, which bears date in 1865, from which there was no appeal, another time for appeal had expired, when no action of nullity could be brought against it, cannot be annulled under Article 127 of the State Constitution, adopted in 1868. Nor could the State of Louisiana deprive the plaintiff of the power to maintain and enforce that judgment by such a Constitution, and that the decision of the Supreme Court of the State ignoring such a judgment in this case was repugnant to that clause of the Federal Constitution which forbids a State to do any act which shall impair the obligations of contract. A. A. & D. G. Campbell for plaintiff in error; Durant & Horner for defendants.

No. 224.—*Merchants' Insurance Company* vs. *Baring Bros. & Co.*—Error to Circuit Court of Louisiana.—Baring Bros., as bottomry lenders, recovered a judgment against the company on a policy of marine insurance taken upon the British bark Fanny Kater, on a voyage from Cadiz, in Spain, to New-Orleans, having advanced money to the master and owners of the bark for the purpose of equipment and voyage. It is here contended that, as the voyage was completed, there could be no recovery by the firm, as it is a settled principle that the insurance of a bottomry lender's interest is an insurance against actual total loss. General average and partial loss do not touch this contract of insurance. The bottomry lender pays a premium accommodated to this limited indemnity of the contract. A bottomry risk must be specifically nominated and described in the policy, and cannot be insured under a general policy. If the firm did not prove a bottomry interest they proved no interest at all insurable. A mere lender of money, without admiralty hypothecation, or common law lien, has no insurable interest in his debtor's property. For these reasons the judgment should have been for the company, and should now be reversed. William M. Evarts for the company; P. Phillips, J. A. & D. G. Campbell for defendants.

No. 507.—*Thorpe, Collector,* vs. *Merchants National Bank of Chicago.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois.—This was a proceeding to enjoin a tax of the State upon the shares of the stock of the bank. The court below held that the law under which the tax was imposed was void, because in contravention of the provisions of the State Constitution upon the subject of taxation. The State courts, however, in another case had decided the law to be in harmony with the Constitution, and that decision, it is here urged, must be received as authority in the Federal courts. The question turning upon the validity of the legislation was, whether non-resident shareholders could be taxed in the township where the bank is located. The State court decided the power of taxation was authorized by the statute, and it is here urged that, for the purposes of taxation, the *situs* of all the shares of the bank is at the place where the bank is located. It is urged, also, that this is in accordance with the National Banking law in respect to State taxation of such shares. J. K. Epsall for appellant; M. W. Fuller for bank.

The United States vs. *Steamer Montello.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court of the Eastern District of Wisconsin.—This is a libel in Admiralty filed by the Government against the steamer Montello to recover penalties incurred while navigating the Fox River, in Wisconsin, between Portage City and Oshkosh, under the act of 1838 for not being enrolled and licensed. The defense was that the river is not a navigable stream of the United States; that prior to 1846 it was not navigable for any kind of boats by reason of the shallowness of the stream and its numerous rapids and other natural falls; that at that time the United States ceded the exclusive control of the river to the Territory to Wisconsin, which, subsequently, as a State, ceded and granted it to the Wisconsin River Improvement Company; that that company thereafter (1853) under such authority built draws, locks, and canals on the river from Portage City to Green Bay, and that no boats of whatever size, can now navigate the river without passing through these locks and canals; that the river is a canal or slack-water navigation, and boats plying in its waters are not within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States. Finally, it is alleged that this river or slack-water improvement has become the property of the Green Bay and Mississippi Canal Company, and that all boats navigating it, and passing through these improvements, have to pay toll to this company, and that the steamer Montello, before her seizure, did pay such toll. Under these circumstances, it was denied that she became liable to the penalties sought to be collected. The court below, after special investigation of the subject, decided that the facts were as alleged, and held that the river was not a part of the public navigable water of the United States within the doctrine laid down by this court in adjudicated cases. The Government here mentions that, by the ordinance of 1787 and subsequent acts of Congress, as well as by the Constitution of Wisconsin, the river is declared and made a part of this public navigable waters of the United States, and falls within the doctrine affirmed by this court; and that it is a part of the navigable waters of the United States, notwithstanding the fact that its navigation was defective by reason of the falls and rapids, which have since been remedied by artificial navigation. The Attorney General and the Assistant Attorney General, Hill, for the Government; Hanser & Colman and E. C. Griffin, for the steamer.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Ellen O'Gorman, sixty-two years old, of No. 339 East Twenty-eighth street, died at her residence, on the 26th of February. Dr. George L. Hyslop, of No. 153 East Forty-sixth street, gave a certificate of death and the woman was buried on the 28th of February. Dr. Geo. H. Nash informed the Board of Health that he was the old lady's family physician, and that she had sustained an injury to the head, in all probability a fracture of the skull. Coroner Croker will hold an inquest in the case.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 7.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

1200	West. Union	72⅛	400	Lake Shore		77⅛
500	do	s3. 72⅝	2400	do		77⅜
3500	do	72⅝	300	do	s.	77¼
1000	do	72¼	1100	do	s3.	77¼
1000	do	s3. 72⅝	5000	do		77⅜
600	Pac. Mail	42⅛	800	do	s3.	77⅜
500	do	42¼	3000	do		77⅜
200	do	b5. 42⅜	600	do	s3.	77⅛
100	do	s3. 42⅜	200	C., C. & I. C.		29¾
200	do	42¼	400	do		29¾
900	N. Y. C. & H.	s3. 103	100	do	s3.	29⅝
1000	do	103⅛	800	Un. Pac.		32⅝
700	do	103	1000	do		32¾
200	Erie	44	1000	do		33
100	do	s10. 44	1500	do		32¾
500	do	s60. 44⅛	1900	do		32¾
100	do	b3. 44⅛	500	Rock Island		103¾
200	do	44¼	200	do		103⅝
200	do	44⅜	300	do	s3.	103⅜
100	do	s3. 44⅜	200	do		103⅝
200	do	44¼	600	do		103⅞
200	North-western	52¼	7	St. Paul		41¼
200	do	52⅛	600	do		41⅜
200	do	52	800	do		41⅜
100	do	51⅝	100	do		41⅜
300	do	52	400	do		41¼
300	do	52¼	100	do		41¼
200	do	52⅜	300	do		41⅜
400	do	52⅝	100	do	b3.	41⅜
800	do	52¼	200	do	s3.	41¼
300	do	52⅜	100	do		41⅜
1200	do	52	100	do	b3.	41
500	do	b3. 52	1000	Tol. & Wab.		46
100	do	51⅝	300	do		46¼
300	do	51⅝	100	do		46¼
200	do	51⅜	1100	do		46¼
100	do	51⅝	2200	do		46
700	North-west. Pref.	70	200	do	s3.	45⅞
100	do	70¼	1900	do		46
300	Ohio & Miss.	29½	2200	do		46
100	do	29⅝	100	do	b10.	46
100	do	s3. 29⅝	100	do	s10.	46
100	Panama	118	300	do		45⅞
100	Atlantic & Pac. F.	16½	800	do		45⅞

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$10,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '65, new	118	$1,500 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C. 112⅜
2,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new	118	10,000 U.S.5-20s,'67 118
			30,000 U.S.6s,Cur. 12 11⅞

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$11,000	Tenn. 6s, old	91¼	1300	L.S.&M.So.	b. c.	77¼
5,000	do	91⅜	500	do	b3.	77¼
33,000	T.6s,old,ex c'p	71	2400	do		77⅛
7,000	do	70⅝	1900	do		77
5,000	N. Car. 6s, Sp'l Tax, 3d C.	9	1500	do		76⅞
5,000	S.C.6s,n., Aug. & Oct.	20	2100	do		76⅜
2,000	M. & O. R. F.	104⅜	600	do	s3.	76⅜
5,000	Un. Pac. 1st	84⅜	1500	do	s3.	76⅝
1,000	U. Pac. 10s, inc.	78½	200	do		76⅝
1,000	Chic. & N. W. Con. C. G'd bs.	85½	700	do		76⅝
5,000	do	85¼	1700	do		77
2,000	C., C. & I.	103¼	3800	do		77⅛
1,000	Gt. W. 1st, '88	103	1400	do		77⅛
2,000	Chic. & N. W. 1st	105	3000	do	s3.	77⅛
1,000	Ohio & M. 2d	81¼	200	Un. Pacific	b. c	32⅝
4,000	Mor. & Ess. 2d	99½	200	do		32⅝
10,000	Alb. & N. Sq. 1st	102½	1800	do	s3.	32½
1,000	C.&R.I.& P. 7s	105	1700	do		32⅝
3,000	Chic. & N. W. 1st	b. c. 102	900	do		32¼
500	do	s3. 102	800	do		32⅜
400	do	102	800	do		32⅜
500	do	s3. 102	800	do	s3.	32⅜
500	N.Y.C. & Hud.	b3. 103⅜	200	do		41⅛
100	do	103⅜	100	do	b3.	41¼
1600	do	103⅛	100	do	s3.	41⅛
1000	do	b3. 103⅛	800	do		41⅛
1000	do	b3. 103⅛	100	do		41
100	do	103⅜	900	do		41
200	Lake Shore	s3. 77¼	100	do	b3.	41
2900	do	77¼	100	St. Paul Pref.		67⅞
500	do	77⅛	100	do		68
500	do	s3. 77¼	100	do		68⅛
700	do	77⅜	100	do		68⅜
400	do	77⅛	100	C., C. & I. C.		29¼
400	do	77⅝	100	do		29⅜
700	do	77¼	100	do	c.	29⅜
10	do	77⅜	100	do		29⅜
400	Erie	b. 47⅞	100	do	s3.	29⅜
100	do	48	100	Rock Island		103⅝
100	do	s3. 48	100	do		103⅜
100	do	48⅛	100	do		104
100	Harlem	b. c. 129½	100	do	s3.	104⅛
600	Union Pacific	32⅝	500	do		104⅛
900	do	32⅜	400	do		104⅝
100	do	32⅝	450	do		104⅜
200	do	32⅝	200	do	s3.	104⅝
200	do	32⅝	200	do		104⅝
1300	do	32⅜	500	do		104⅝
1100	do	32⅝	200	Ohio & Miss.		29⅝
700	do	32⅝	100	Han. & St. Jo.	c.	29½
2000	do	32⅝	100	do		33
500	do	s3. 32⅝	100	At. & Pac. Pref.		16¼
1500	P. M. S. S.	b. c. 42⅜	1300	do		17
300	do	42⅜	200	Toledo & Wab.		46⅝
400	do	s3. 42	300	do		46¾
300	do	41⅞	200	do		46¾
200	do	41⅝	500	do		46¾
1000	do	42	1400	do		46¾
200	do	41⅝	300	do		46¾
500	do	41⅜	200	C. & N. W. Pf.	b. c.	70
200	do	41⅜	400	do		69⅞
100	do	s3. 41⅜	300	do		69¾
600	do	41⅜	200	do		69¾
700	do	41⅜	200	do		69¾
	13 American Exp.	62	300	do		70
	50 U. S. Express	70		34 N. J. Cen.	b. c.	105
	5 Adams Express	93	100	C. M. & St. P.	b. c.	40⅜
1200	do	44⅜	300	do		40⅜
100	do	44⅜	300	do		40⅜
1600	Harlem	b. c. 129	100	do		40⅜
10	N. Y. C. & Hud.	103¼	100	do		39⅞
500	do	b. c. s3. 102⅞	400	do		40
200	do	s3. 102⅞	100	do		40
500	do	c. 102⅞	200	do	s3.	40
1000	do	103	200	do	s3.	39⅜
700	do	103⅛	100	do		39⅛
300	do	s3. 103⅛	200	do		39⅛
1500	do	103	300	do		39¼
200	Chic. M. & St. P. Pref.	b. c. 66	300	do		39⅜
100	do	s3. 66	100	do		39⅞
200	Chic. & R. I.	b. c. 103⅝	700	do		40⅜
200	do	s3. 103⅞	900	do		40¼
600	do	103⅞	50	do		40⅜
200	do	103⅞	100	do		40⅜
200	do	103⅞	100	Con. Pacific		72
600	do	103¾	100	H. & St. Jo.	b. c.	29⅜
100	do	c. 103⅞	400	A. & St. L.	b. c.	29⅜
200	D., L. & W.	b. c. 107¼	100	Ohio & M.	b. c. s3.	29⅜
100	do	b. c. 107⅜	500	do		29⅜
600	do	107	400	do		29⅜
300	Tol. & Wab.	b. c. 45⅞	3600	do		29⅜
300	do	46⅜	100	do		29⅜
3100	do	45⅝	100	C., C. & I. C.	b. c.	28⅜
1000	do	45⅝	100	do		28¾
500	do	45⅝	300	do		29¼
200	do	46⅛	50	C., B. & Q.	b. c.	102⅜
200	do	45⅝	20	P., Ft.W. & C.	G'd.	85
400	do	45⅝	100	St. L. & Pac.	b30.	38½
300	do	45⅞	10	N. Y., N. H. & H.		131
800	do	46	50	do	b. c.	130¾
	16 Merchants' Bank	116⅛	100	do	b. c.	130½

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

8,300	U.S.5-20 R.,'67	118¼	600	St. Paul		40¾
1000	U. S. Cur. 6s	114⅜	100	do		40⅝
900	Western Union	72¾	100	do	s3.	40⅜
100	do	73⅛	500	do		40¾
100	do	b3. 72⅜	100	do		40⅞
300	do	73⅛	300	do	s3.	41
300	do	72⅝	500	do		40¾
300	do	72⅜	300	do		40⅝
1900	do	72⅜	500	do		40⅜
200	do	72⅜	200	do		40⅜
800	Pacific Mail	42	100	do		40⅝
400	do	s3. 42	100	do		40⅝
400	do	42	100	do		40⅞
500	N.Y.C. & Hud.	b3. 103⅜	200	do		41⅛
100	do	103⅜	100	do	b3.	41¼
1600	do	103⅛	100	do	s3.	41⅛
1000	do	b3. 103⅛	800	do		41⅛
100	do	103⅜	900	do		41
200	Lake Shore	77¼	100	do	b3.	41
500	do	77⅛	100	St. Paul Pref.		67⅞
700	do	77⅜	100	do		68
400	do	77⅝	100	do		68⅛
700	do	77⅜	100	C., C. & I. C.		29¼
100	do	77⅝	100	do		29⅜
400	do	77⅜	100	do		29⅜
100	do	77⅝	100	do	c.	29⅜
100	do	77⅜	100	do		29⅜
400	Erie	b. 47⅞	100	do	s3.	29⅜
100	do	48	100	Rock Island		103⅝
100	do	48⅛	100	do		103⅜
100	Harlem	b. c. 129½	100	do		104
600	Union Pacific	32⅝	500	do		104⅛
900	do	32⅜	400	do		104⅝
100	do	32⅝	450	do		104⅜
200	do	32⅝	200	do	s3.	104⅝
200	do	32⅝	200	do		104⅝
1300	do	32⅝	500	do		104⅝
700	do	32⅝	200	Ohio & Miss.		29⅝
2000	do	32⅝	100	Han. & St. Jo.	c.	29½
500	do	33	100	At. & Pac. Pref.		16¼
1500	P. M. S. S.	b. c. 42⅜	1300	do		17
300	do	42⅜	200	Toledo & Wab.		46⅝
400	do	s3. 42	300	do		46¾
300	do	41⅞	200	do		46¾
200	do	41⅝	500	do		46¾
1000	do	42	1400	do		46¾
200	do	41⅝	300	do		46¾
500	do	41⅜	200	C. & N. W. Pf.	b. c.	70
200	do	41⅜	400	do		69⅞
100	do	s3. 41⅜	300	do		69¾
600	do	41⅜	200	do		69¾
700	do	41⅜	200	do		69¾
	13 American Exp.	62	300	do		70
	50 U. S. Express	70		34 N. J. Cen.	b. c.	105
	5 Adams Express	93	100	C. M. & St. P.	b. c.	40⅜
1200	do	44⅜	300	do		40⅜
100	do	44⅜	300	do		40⅜
1600	Harlem	b. c. 129	100	do		40⅜
10	N. Y. C. & Hud.	103¼	100	do		39⅞
500	do	b. c. s3. 102⅞	400	do		40
200	do	s3. 102⅞	100	do		40
500	do	c. 102⅞	200	do	s3.	40
1000	do	103	200	do	s3.	39⅜
700	do	103⅛	100	do		39⅛
300	do	s3. 103⅛	200	do		39⅛
1500	do	103	300	do		39¼
200	Chic. M. & St. P. Pref.	b. c. 66	300	do		39⅜
100	do	s3. 66	100	do		39⅞
200	Chic. & R. I.	b. c. 103⅝	700	do		40⅜
200	do	s3. 103⅞	900	do		40¼
600	do	103⅞	50	do		40⅜
200	do	103⅞	100	do		40⅜
200	do	103⅞	100	Con. Pacific		72
600	do	103¾	100	H. & St. Jo.	b. c.	29⅜
100	do	c. 103⅞	400	A. & St. L.	b. c.	29⅜
200	D., L. & W.	b. c. 107¼	100	Ohio & M.	b. c. s3.	29⅜
100	do	b. c. 107⅜	500	do		29⅜
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1000	do	45⅝	100	do		28¾
500	do	45⅝	300

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF

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MAGNIFICENT LOTS,

BEING A PORTION OF THE ESTATE OF

ANDREW CARRIGAN,

(DECEASED.)

ADRIAN H. MULLER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, March 12, 1874, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the executors of Andrew Carrigan, deceased:

GRAND BOULEVARD.

Eight lots, comprising the entire westerly front on the Boulevard, between 114th and 115th sts.

114TH ST.

Nine lots on the northerly side of 114th st., between Boulevard and Riverside av., with the MANSION HOUSE thereon.

115TH ST.

Nine lots on the southerly side of 115th st., between the Boulevard and Riverside av.

RIVERSIDE AV.

Eight lots on the easterly side of Riverside av., between 114th and 115th sts., and fronting

THE RIVERSIDE PARK

AND

HUDSON RIVER,

and commanding a magnificent view of both.

Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

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ABSOLUTE SALE

of

TWELVE LOTS ON 5TH AV.

RICHARD V. HARNETT, Auctioneer,

will sell at public auction,

on WEDNESDAY, March 11,

at 12 o'clock,

at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,

(under the direction of Townsend Scudder, Esq., Assignee,)

THE VERY VALUABLE 12 LOTS AND IMPROVEMENTS ON THE 5TH AV.,

GRAND PLAZA AND CENTRAL PARK,

between 58th and 59th sts.,

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KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL COMPANY PROPERTY.

Maps now ready.

Sale positive March 11.

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OLIVER BRYAN, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.—TWENTY-THIRD WARD, LATE NORTH NEW-YORK.—OLIVER BRYAN, Auctioneer, will sell to highest bidder, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, March 9, seven valuable lots, fine dwelling and stable, corner Broadway, (late St. Ann's av.,) and 147th st., three minutes from 3d av. cars, opposite Mary's Park.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

THE FOLLOWING DWELLING-HOUSES are for sale, with early possession:

West 51st st., No. 105.	East 36th st., No. 38.
East 61st st., No. 58.	East 36th st., No. 2.
East 60th st., No. 18.	East 29th st., No. 47.
East 57th st., Nos. 13 & 24.	East 23th st., No. 171.
West 26th st., No. 321.	West 26th st., No. 343.
W. 56th st., Nos. 19, 20 & 35.	West 23d st., No. 240.
West 55th st., No. 29.	West 21st st., No. 36.
No. 152 st. bet. 7 & 8 avs.	E. 21st st., Gramercy Park, No. 14.
W. 52d st., Nos. 6, 16, 22, 24, and 31.	East 20th st., No. 20.
West 51st st., No. 51.	W. 19th st., Nos. 9, 27 & 28.
East 49th st., No. 10.	West 11th st., No. 50.
W. 49th st., Nos. 39, 41 & 47.	W. 10th st., Nos. 12 & 181.
East 48th st., Nos. 15, 17, and 19.	W. 9th st., Nos. 28 and 58.
9th av., Nos. 63, 70, 253.	W. 48th st., Nos. 39 and 51.
275, 520, 562, 584, 624,	West 47th st., No. 13.
744, 746, 781, 785, 791,	E. 46th st., Nos. 4 and 12.
also, between 84th and	W. 46th st., Nos. 13 and 61.
85th sts., and between	W. 45th st., Nos. 118 & 127
85th and 86th sts.	East 43d st., No. 82.
Madison av., Nos. 19, 237,	E. 39th, 206, 315, 327 & 357
Park av., Nos. 39 and 62.	West 38th st., No. 60.
Lexington av., Nos. 159,	East 36th st., No. 116.
150, 243, 269, 319, 476,	West 34th st., No. 45.
482, 661 and 663.	West 34th st., No. 45.

The above houses are given with the numbers, that they may be seen from the outside.

For further examination we shall be pleased to furnish permits at our office, No. 2 Pine st. and No. 35 East 17th st., Union square.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

ON 5TH AV. AND NEAR-BY STREETS.

SOME REAL BARGAINS.

For particulars and permits apply to

WM. H. RAYNOR,

No. 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop house, on 22d st., about half distance between 6th and 7th avs. No bill on. The house is 20.10 and has a two-story 14-feet extension; all modern improvements and in perfect order; will be sold cheap, and delivered, if required, on or before 1st May, if applied for at once. Address owner, Post Office Box No. 4,987, or apply at

E. H. LUDLOW & CO.,

No. 2 Pine st. and

No. 35 East 17th st.

TWO NEW FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone houses, cabinet finish throughout, West End avenue, 184 feet west of Boulevard, $23,000; also a four-story brown-stone front, No. 308 West 58th st., location unsurpassed; also a lot, directly opposite, $17,000; also valuable leasehold property, three two-story stone and dwellings, with a two-story brick building in rear, 26x50, 8th av., near 58th st. Apply to WM. BEDELL, Builder and Owner, No. 985 6th av.

FOR SALE—ON MADISON AV., NEAR 38TH ST., a magnificent brown-stone private residence, 25x 60, with extension; price, $80,000, including gas fixtures, mirrors, and library cases; terms easy. Address W. S., Box No. 114 *Times* Office.

FOR SALE.

A new medium-size, four-story brown-stone house, No. 115 East 70th st., "Lennox Hill;" built in the best manner by days' work, and hard wood finish; replete and complete in every particular; price very low; terms easy. Inquire of CHARLES FOX, or WM. BENTLEY, on the premises, No. 12 East 45th st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS BROWN-STONE house on the east side Park av., near 38th st., 17.4x65.80; hard wood finish, and in perfect order throughout; title and every convenience; will be sold at a sacrifice. Inquire for permits, &c., of R. S. HAYWARD, No. 644 Broadway.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone house, situated in West 20th st., opposite the Theological Seminary; built by an experienced builder by day's work without regard to cost; with the furniture if desired; house 25x58, lot 25x125. Inquire of the owner, L. M. LUTHER, 181 Washington st.

FOR SALE—ON VERY REASONABLE TERMS, A beautiful, new, well built, substantial four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, in fine order, on 53d st., between 5th and 6th avs.; 20x60x100. Purchasers only need apply for permits, terms, &c., to owner, No. 48 Pine st., Rooms Nos. 17 and 18.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—A MAGNIFICENT four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 25x85 and extension; lot 100.5; all the latest improvements; cabinet finish; built by day's work; situate on 62d st., near 6th av. Apply to ISAAC BONNEY, No. 111 Broadway, Rooms G and H, basement.

FIFTH AV., ABOVE 42D ST.—MODERN FIRST-class extra-width corner house; can be bought very low; stable convenient, if wanted; others on the avenue, all sizes and prices.

W. P. SEYMOUR,

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CHURCH PROPERTY ON 57TH ST., (100 feet wide,) near Lexington av.; church, with furniture, and three full lots; will be sold for the value of the lot only; church cost upward of $18,000. Apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE—AT A REASONABLE PRICE, A FULL-sized house and lot on south side of West 39th st., between 5th and 6th avs.

C. R. HUNTINGTON, No. 8 Pine st.

FOR SALE—A FOUR-STORY BROWN STONE house in West 39th st., near 5th av., at a reasonable price. Apply to P. P. VAN KANDT, No. 81 Cedar st., Room No. 3.

AT A VERY LOW FIGURE, THE NORTH-east corner of 5th av. and 41st st., "Higgins' Row." No restrictions as to alterations. Size, 23 by 100. Permits of W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

MONEY TO LOAN, UPON BOND AND MORTgage, in sums to suit; also to buy securities.

WARREN S. WILKEY & CO.,

No. 5 Beekman st., Rooms Nos. 23 and 24.

LOT SOUTH OF 57TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6th avs., with handsome stable and lot in the rear, for sale by F. G. & C. S. BROWN, Broadway, corner Wall st.

A FINE BROWN-STONE HOUSE, FOUR story, high stoop, 22x58x100, West 47th st., new doors from 6th av.; price low; in fee.

W. E. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE CHEAP—NO. 114 WEST 44TH ST.; three story, brown stone, high stoop, with modern improvements; good location. Permits of W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

JOHN S. PIERCE, NO. 106 BROADWAY, offers at a bargain, and on very easy terms, a three-story high-stoop brown-stone house on 129th st., between 6th and 7th av. boulevards.

ELEGANT DWELLINGS CHEAP.—18 EAST 57th, 1, 19 East, 18 West 53d, 16 West 52d, 15 East 48th; 5th av., No. 286, 584, 675, 781, 785.

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A NEW AND ELEGANT BROWN-STONE house, extra width and dining-room extension, near 5th av.; finest street below the Park, (very cheap.)

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HARLEM HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE BY F. G. & C. S. BROWN, Broadway, corner Wall st.

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VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

Ten three-story, high-stoop, brown-stone-front houses, just completed, on 92d st., between 8th and 9th avs.; one of the best streets on the west side, and within 250 feet of the Central Park.

The recent improvements make the west side the most desirable part of the City, and when rapid transit is adopted, it will bring this property within a few minutes of the City Hall. The Eighth avenue cars are the present means of access.

Houses are 20x50, with all modern improvements; will be sold on liberal terms, and at a price that make them an undoubted investment. Apply to SIDNEY C. GUNN, office of James M. Hartshorne & Bro., No. 55 Broad st., from 12 to 3, or W. H. RAYNOR, 5½ Pine st.

FOR SALE—SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER, VERY desirable well-rented dwelling-houses, Nos. 582, 584, and 586 7th av., at junction with Broadway, and opposite first-class hotel now erecting. This is an opportunity, as examination will show, seldom offered to purchase at a bargain property which, from its location, must in a few years more than double its present value and price asked. OWNER, No. 238 West 44th st., before 12 and evenings.

JOHN S. PIERCE,

REAL ESTATE,

NO. 106 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK,

ENTIRE CHARGE TAKEN OF PROPERTY.

FOR SALE—NEAR RESERVOIR SQUARE, 41ST st., a handsome four-story brown-stone front, complete in every particular. $27,000. Terms easy.

J. P. WILLIAMS & SON,

No. 270 West 34th st., corner of 8th av.

FOUR STORY, HIGH STOOP, BROWN STONE, —First-class neighborhood; carpets, six mirrors, gas-fixtures; in perfect order; $27,500; easy terms. No. 207 West 38th st.; owner on premises.

FIRST-CLASS TENEMENT, RENTED AT $3,312; price $27,000; centrally located; built in the best manner; water to all apartments. Owner No. 207 West 38th st.

FOR SALE—THE TWO AND A HALF-STORY frame house and lot No. 433 East 84th st.; all modern improvements; lot, 25x100. W. N. GRISWOLD, Real Estate Broker, No. 744 Broadway, (Astor place.)

FOR SALE—TWO FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone high-stoop College-lease houses. For particulars apply on premises, Nos. 41 and 47 West 45th st.

AT A BARGAIN—NO CASH WANTED IF IMproved; 100 feet front on Madison av., below the park; for $35,000.

HINE, COLE & GRAY, No. 536 6th av.

ONLY $20,000.—FOR SALE, FOUR-STORY brown-stone high-stoop house; perfect order; 14th st., near 5th av.; must be sold.

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A BARGAIN.—A FOUR-STORY BRICK HOUSE, 21 feet front, in elegant order, on 22d st., west of 5th av.; only $30,000. For permits and particulars apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.—$7,500 WILL BUY A CORNER house on a prominent avenue in Brooklyn; location well adapted for fancy-goods business or bakery; terms easy. Apply to O. V. HOLCOMB, No. 89 Broadway, Williamsburg.

BARGAINS TO QUICK BUYERS OF WILLIAMSburg and Nineteenth Ward (Brooklyn) real estate, for cash or on easy terms. Apply to O. V. HOLCOMB, No. 89 Broadway, Williamsburg.

$5,000 TO $8,000 WILL BUY THREE-STORY brick houses, all improvements, 10 to 15 rooms; terms to suit. O.V. Holcomb, 89 B'way, W'msburg.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—THE NAPA QUICKSILVER MINE.—Pursuant to an order of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York, in Bankruptcy, entered Feb. 3, 1874, the undersigned will receive proposals for the purchase of the Napa Quicksilver Mine until the 13th day of April next, inclusive. This mine, formerly known as the Oakville Quicksilver Mine, is situated in the Napa Valley, California, about sixty miles north of the City of San Francisco, from which it is accessible by rail in one hour and a half. The property is described in the deed to the Napa Quicksilver Mining Company from the Oakville Quicksilver Mining Company as follows: All that certain mine, lead, or lode bearing cinnabar, known as the Oakville Quicksilver Mine, being one thousand feet in width by three thousand feet in length, as described in a certain patent issued to this company by the Government of the United States, dated March 15, 1872, which was recorded March 25, 1872, in the County Recorder's office of Napa County, California, in Book J of Patents, page 254, a map of which property can be seen at the office of the undersigned. Two brick furnaces, as well as brick, iron, and wooden condensers, engine, boiler, &c., belong to the property, together with all the usual and necessary mining utensils. The mine has been in successful operation, and although the mining thus far has been confined mainly to the surface, sufficient depth has been obtained, however, to encourage the belief that rich ore remains below. In view of the present high price of quicksilver, this mine offers great inducements to those desiring to invest in mining property. Proposals must be accompanied by a certificate of deposit in the United States Trust Company of the City of New-York, of ten per cent. of the amount of the bid as a guarantee of performance in case of acceptance.

ALEXANDER G. BLACK,

Assignee of the Napa Quicksilver Mining Company, No. 120 Pearl street, New-York City.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1874.

HOTEL PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO LEASE.—The greatest chance ever offered. St. Ronan's Well, one-quarter of a mile from depot at Flushing, ten and a half years of which to run; large hotel; thirty-five rooms; commanding fine view of the sound on Flushing Bay; ball-room, barn, stable, &c.; formerly occupied by Matt Gooderson; (standing forty feet above the level of Jackson av.;) just the spot for a summer garden or for first-class boarders; fishing, boating, bathing, and driving enjoyable at pleasure; price, $35,000, part cash; or would prefer to lease it for ten years at $2,000 per year. Call between 10 and 12 A. M., B. W. HITCHCOCK, No. 439 3d av., New-York.

AT BAY RIDGE, LONG ISLAND—FOUR miles from the Battery, New-York, thirty minutes by ferry direct from Wall st., or by cars every fifteen minutes from all the Brooklyn ferries. Most beautiful, accessible, and improving locality near the City. TO LET OR FOR SALE—Villas, with view of or fronting on the bay, each 9, 10, 13, 14 and 16 rooms, all improvements; also, one double house of ten rooms, with two stores on first floor. Lots for sale, with building loan. Apply to JOHN MACKAY, No. 14 Broadway.

FOR SALE—IN RHINEBECK, ON THE HUDSON, a farm of 150 acres, in good order and well located. The improvements, a substantial mansion, farm-house, barn, carriage-house, &c., adjacent to the residence of Mrs. Starr Miller; is two miles from the village, which has five churches and the educational advantages. For particulars inquire of

SPENCER H. SMITH,

No. 10 Wall st., New-York.

FOR SALE—A FARM AND COUNTRY SEAT OF 338 acres of land on the east bank of the Hudson River, near Rhinebeck, with substantial stone dwelling and extensive out-building, very fine views, three-quarters of mile water front; will be sold very cheap, as the owner desires to go abroad. For permits and further particulars apply to E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine st., or No. 35 East 17th st.

FOR SALE OR RENT—AT PORT CHESTER, ON the New-Haven Railroad, one hour from New-York, ten minutes' walk from depot, cottage and two acres land, with barn, hot-houses, good well of water, fruit and shade trees, &c.; healthy location, good neighborhood; price, $6,500; terms easy. Apply to WILLIAM BEATTYS, at the Railroad Station, Portchester.

FOR SALE—IN VILLAGE OF FAIRVIEW, N. J., two well-located, very nice frame houses, over two lots each; Fairview is twenty-five minutes from Champion and 23d sts.; five from depot; commutation, $1 per week; about $3,250 and $3,750 each; terms easy. Photographs with owner, No. 238 West 44th st., before 12 and evening.

FINE FARMING LANDS, SUITABLE FOR SUBdivision, located on the line of the Harlem Railroad, south of White Plains, and near the City limits, for sale from $300 to $500 per acre; good investments to hold for a few years. F. G. & C. S. BROWN, Broadway, corner Wall st.

FOR SALE—A VERY DESIRABLE HOUSE pleasantly located with about one acre of land, stable, &c., at Linden, N. J., on Pennsylvania Railroad, two and a half miles from Elizabeth; five minutes' walk from depot; thirteen rooms; terms easy.

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AN ELEGANT TWO-STORY FRENCH-roof house on the best street in Yonkers; all improvements; shade and fruit trees; near depot; will exchange for City property, or lots in the new wards. Address WM. COX, No. 309 East 51st st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, LANDS, and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by WALTER E. SMITH, formerly Blackwell & Smith, Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

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FARMS IN DUTCHESS AND WESTCHESTER Counties wanted to sell and to exchange for New-York and Brooklyn property.

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STREET-CLEANING.

THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION.

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November, 1873, for the gratuitous dumping of sand on the City scows, but previously I paid for the privilege. Previous to my getting the permit I dumped at the foot of Twenty-second and Thirty-eighth streets. I paid money for dumping to the inspector at the office. I still pay something for the dumping of cellar dirt on the City scows. Since I got the permit I think I dumped twenty-five loads of cellar dirt on the City scows, but I don't think it was fifty loads. I did not pay but 40, and at ten cents a load that would be ten thirty loads that I dumped. I paid this $3 to Thomas Kearney, the man who drives cart for me. I did not go for this permit before, because I did not think I would get it. I was making a contract with the proprietor of the Westminster Hotel for the removal of ashes, and he told me that I need not pay for dumping it. He gave me a note to the Inspector, and I then found it was not necessary to pay anything. Subsequently the Inspector was removed, and a new one appointed. He did not know of this arrangement, and refused to take the ashes gratuitously. I then went to Capt. Thorne on the subject, and got the permit I speak of. Mr. Perrin is proprietor of the Westminster Hotel.

By the Chairman—Did you ever dump cellar-dirt without paying for it? A.—I really think I did not pay for all the cellar-dirt I dumped. My intention was to pay for it. I paid for all they demanded of me. I did not after that pay any money to the inspector or any one on the dock for the privilege of dumping. I paid for cellar-dirt and such stuff as did not come inside the permit. I have dumped the stuff belonging to the St. James Hotel, the Grand Union, Gramercy Park Hotel, Park Hotel, Cooper Institute, New-York Life Insurance Company, National Bank Note Company. From all these places probably I took away 1,200 loads of stuff in the year. I paid a man once $3, but I don't know whether he was an inspector or not. I did not pay anything to get this permit. I saw Capt. Thorne before I got this permit, but I had no speaking acquaintance with him. I was connected with the Street-cleaning Bureau in 1855, but since then I have not been connected with it, nor have I any relation who is.

Andrew Fitzpatrick was called and examined for some time, but it was found that he knew nothing about the management of the department, and that a mistake was made in serving him with a subpœna.

Lewis Herlig, clerk of Capt. Hyatt, Superintendent of Boats, testified: I commenced business on the 15th July, 1873, at the office at the foot of Stanton street, near what is called the Stanton Street Dump. The only persons I kept at the time of at the dumps were the timekeeper, the watchmen, and the trimmers' assistants when they had them. I don't know anything of the time of the assistant inspector. The Captain of the boats took the measurement of the scows and gave it to me. I kept the time of the persons that unloaded the scows. I know a man named Real. He left the department about six months ago. He was stationed at Harlem and at Greenpoint, and for a short time at Randall's Island, I did not go to Randall's Island while he was there. He was there only five days. He was at Harlem probably seven weeks. I took the time there in the morning and the afternoon. I went there about 11 o'clock and remained till 2:30, or sometimes four o'clock in the afternoon.

Q.—Therefore all you would know would be between the time you got there and the time he left. How did you know the time he got there? A.—From the foreman, George Woolsey. I could see whether he made a day or three-quarters of a day or half a day.

Q.—Did you always find Real there? A.—I did, pretty regularly. There may have been some times that I did not see him, but the foreman accounted for his absence and I allowed him time on the word of the foreman.

Q.—Do you think he did half the work he is credited with? A.—More than three-quarters.

Q.—Do you think he did the whole of the work he is credited with? A.—Pretty nearly the whole of it.

Q.—Do I understand you to say from your own observation and inspection that he was not there as a mere sinecure? A.—He was not. I know that from my own knowledge and observation. I took the time at Newtown Creek, but I did not know whose the property at that place was. I think there were about thirty-seven or thirty-eight men unloading scows. I made up the pay-rolls of the Italians that worked there. They were paid fourteen shillings a day, which was the amount afterward reduced to twelve shillings. I don't know of any arrangement by which they divided that money with anybody else.

Q.—Have you heard of it? A.—I heard it said that they paid the foreman part of their wages. There was no name mentioned. I merely heard that they paid a bonus for being allowed to work.

Q.—Don't you know the fact to be that the trimmers and the other City employes picked out the rags and bones from the stuff on the scows? A.—I know that the trimmers did.

Q.—Have you not observed the matter closely enough to know that it was the general practice of the trimmers and of the other men unloading the scows? A.—I know that it was the practice of the trimmers, but I could not say about the men unloading the scows. They took all they got. I don't know who takes the rags, bones, and other matter thus picked out of the stuff on the scows.

Q.—Don't you know that Capt. Hyatt does? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Don't you believe that he does? A.—I believe that he does.

Q.—Will you swear that Mr. Brown works all the time he is paid for? A.—I know he works seven-eighths of the time, and that he earns his money. I never known him to pump a scow all night to prevent it from sinking. I have known him to do that a dozen times.

Q.—Will you swear that he is constantly engaged working as a scow man? A.—I can swear that he is constantly engaged as a scow man works, and that is as many hours in a scow man for every day he is paid. He is as good a scow man for every day he is paid.

Q.—Do you consider him an efficient workman? A.—I do.

Q.—He is a man with one arm? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you consider that he works as well as a man with two arms? A.—I will swear he is as good a worker as the average man out of ten. He is not engaged the greater part of his time working for Capt. Hyatt. I have seen him boxes, rags, and the like taken away on a truck for a furniture-truck. I could not say that Brown drove with the truck. He attends to the selling of the stuff. I could not tell where he sells it. I never heard how much was realized for it. It does not concern me to know how much of this stuff is collected, or whether the City gets it.

Q.—If you knew the City did not get it would you not consider it your duty to report it? A.—I would not. I would leave that to Capt. Hyatt. I know a man named Pollock. He was an Assistant Inspector at Stanton street dump. I don't remember any other Assistant Inspector at that dump. There was never any more than one Assistant Inspector at that dump. He assisted the Inspector to tally loads. It would sometimes take half a dozen men outside to keep them in line.

Q.—Was Pollock there in September or October? A.—I think it was about that time that he was discharged from the department.

Q.—Will you swear that there were never two or three Assistant Inspectors at the Stanton street dump? A.—I will.

Q.—You are as sure of that as anything you have sworn to? A.—I am quite sure. Besides trimming the scows, the trimmers have to get the scows into the stream.

Q.—Pollock is down in the pay-rolls for thirty-one days as Assistant Inspector during October, James Burke is down for twelve days in the same month, and George Smith is down for twenty-seven days in three different places, at Forty-second street, Stanton street, and Jackson street. How do you account for that? A.—I call them trimmers' helpers. One of them (Pollock) may have been Assistant Inspector, and the others as trimmers' helpers.

Q.—You are quite sure there was only one Assistant Inspector employed at the Stanton street dump? A.—I am.

Q.—Then the pay-rolls are incorrect in stating that there were three Assistant Inspectors? A.—They are if they say they worked as Assistant Inspectors. One of them may have worked in that capacity, but the others were trimmers' helpers. I know a man named O'Brien, who was Deputy Superintendent of Scows. He used to come to Stanton street on an average of three or four times a week. He used to inquire as to how matters were going on, and gave me orders to give to the Captains of the scows. I did not know him to do anything else at Stanton street.

Q.—Mr. Andrews—I have known men to do duty in different capacities, and it might be that trimmers' helpers would do the duty of Assistant Inspectors. They may be classified in the same way as boat-quarters in consequence. Their pay is the same. There are no men in the department that are called assistant inspectors as such. They have all the occupations. I call them trimmers' helpers. It does not cost more for the trimmers to separate the rags and bones from the rubbish than if they did not. It is not more cost to the City.

Gen. Barlow—Then you don't agree with Capt. Hyatt, that its separation would cost more than it sells to? A.—I don't think it would make much difference. I receive $2 a day. I don't get a cent out of the sale of the rags and bones. Capt. Hyatt pretended me more money, but he did not give it to me. I do writing and such work for Capt. Hyatt which he would otherwise have to do himself.

James Lee testified, in reply to Gen. Barlow—I am an Inspector in the Street-cleaning Bureau, and have been since the 18th June, 1872. I have collected money in the Police Department. I did not make any collection under a letter from the late Commissioner Smith.

Gen. Barlow—What was that letter?

Witness—I understand this committee is appointed to investigate the subject of street-cleaning, and the letter has nothing to do with that subject.

Gen. Barlow—You are Inspector in the Street-cleaning Bureau, and we have a right to know how you spend your time. What was that letter? A.—It was a letter from Commissioner Smith to ask the friends of the Republican Party to subscribe toward carrying on the campaign.

Q.—Was that letter shown by you to any one in the Street-cleaning Bureau? A.—It was not.

Q.—Did you go to Capt. Speight? A.—I did not.

Q.—Did you go to Capt. Petty? A.—I think not.

Q.—How positive are you of that? A.—I feel pretty confident.

Q.—You don't remember that Capt. Petty did actually subscribe $100? A.—I know he did. I gave the letter to Mr. Samuel Le Compte, and he may have shown the letter to Capt. Petty.

Q.—What did you collect from the Street-cleaning Bureau? A.—I don't know that.

Q.—Was not the contribution pretty general? A.—No.

Q.—Did you intend to go only to the Republican members of the force? A.—Yes. I think some of the carmen contributed, but it was very little.

Q.—Did you give orders to take up a collection from the carmen and laborers? A.—I did not. I gave no orders as an officer of the Street-cleaning Bureau, and I am sure says so he does not tell the truth.

Q.—You say there was not a general collection in the First Assembly District from the carmen and laborers? A.—There was not any from the laborers. A few, two or three, of the carmen contributed. I never knew of a man being discharged for not contributing. I know a man named Hayes. He was not discharged. [Hayes here stated, in reply to witness, that he is at present employed in the Street-cleaning Department.] We did not expect any money from the Democrats. They have collections of their own for similar purposes. My duties as inspector are to make an examination of the streets, see their condition, and give directions to the foreman. I generally direct the foreman and see that the work is performed instead of going to the Superintendent. The work was well performed in 1873, except during the last month and a half, when there were not any laborers of account employed. I don't think the streets could be cleaner than in the remainder of the year. The sweeping stopped some time in November, and there was very little sweeping in the month and December. Witness was further examined, and stated that without seeing the record, he could not form a general idea of the number of men employed in November. Having been briefly examined by Mr. Andrews, he volunteered an explanation to the committee as to the difference in measurement between the stuff in the carts and on the scows. He said that the City carts were made to contain a cubic yard. When they were filled on the streets they contained that much, but by the time they got to the dumps the stuff had settled so as to lose about a quarter in volume.

He was examined by Gen. Barlow at some length as to whether the inspectors at the dumps were right in allowing for a full load when there was only a three-quarter load. He maintained that they were, that otherwise it would be an injustice to the men, who would not work if they were not allowed for a full load.

In reply to the Chairman he admitted that the matter could be remedied by having larger carts, which would, at starting, contain more than a cubic yard, so that when the stuff settled there would still be a cubic yard left, but that then the men would have to be paid more.

William L. Peck, of the firm of Henry A. Peck & Co., was next examined, and testified that he had received 11,000 loads of stuff from the City, which he sold at from twenty to twenty-five cents a load. It was a free gift, and he had not paid anything to the City, or to Capt. Thorne. Capt. Thorne told witness that if he furnished vessels, he would give him as much stuff as he wanted. Witness employed a man to watch the loads as they went down to the dump and pick out what he wanted. He himself had charge of the business on the part of the firm. He used to pay Brown fifteen cents and as high as twenty-five and thirty cents a load. I don't know what is to prevent Capt. Thorne dumping it at Stanton street, and selling it, except it be the intervention of the Board of Health.

To Mr. Andrews—I should think my arrangement with Capt. Thorne was a benefit to the City. I could not afford to take the street manure if I was not in the regular manure business. It would be necessary for the City to get sailing vessels in addition to the scows to carry the manure to its destination.

To Gen. Barlow—I would not have taken the manure from Capt. Thorne, only I got it for nothing.

Abram Hewlett, of Sickles, Hewlett & Co., docks, testified that he paid Mr. Brown for the City manure from June 1, 1871, to October, 1872, $1,510 63. The money was paid by check to Mr. Brown.

Arthur McQuade, examined by General Barlow—I am a junk-dealer; I have bought some junk from the City scows; I bought from Mr. Nesbit, but not since he went out of office; I used to buy old rags, brass, cotton, glass, and all kinds of junks; I paid him the amount represented in the checks (produced); I never had any dealings with Capt. Hyatt.

To Mr. Andrews—I found it was not a paying business to buy this refuse, and accordingly I quit it.

Gen. Barlow—The checks amount to $1,194 94, and they were between the 13th of July, 1872, and the 7th of May, 1873—that check of May, 1873, was the last you gave him? A.—Yes.

David F. Atkins testified: I am Superintendent of the Farmers' Protective Union. We got some of the manure of the streets of New-York during the year 1873. We bought two boat-loads, I can't tell from whom. I paid a man named Davis, I think. I gave the Captain of my vessel the money, and he paid for it when the boat was landed. The Captain's name is Sands. The amount was $45. The boat contained about 150 cart-loads. I did not personally give the money to Sands. The receipt was signed by a person named Davis. In the second case the quantity was the same, and the amount was the same. That was all the manure I paid for. I was directed either by Capt. Thorne or the Police Commissioners to place boats at the dumps and to let them wait there for manure. I did not get that direction from Mr. Charlick. I had a conversation with Mr. Charlick in reference to the receipts. I sent the receipts to Police Head-quarters. I asked Mr. Charlick if any money had been received by the Street-cleaning Department, and he said there had not. I said it was strange, as I had paid for two loads. He asked me what proof had I that I had paid money, and I told him that I had the receipts, which I gave him. He then introduced me to Capt. Thorne, who told me that if I put the boats under the dumps, especially at Stanton street, he would let me have all the manure I wanted. Between June, 1873, and Oct. 13 of the same year I received 5,614 cart-loads. Previous to June, 1873, I paid two bills to Mr. Peck for manure, the amount being $175 50, and to Mr. Brown a bill of $57 50. Mr. Brown used to pile up the manure on the dock, and a boat could be loaded in two hours. Now it often takes six days to get a boat loaded. I never paid Capt. Thorne or the Street-cleaning Bureau, either directly or indirectly for anything which I received, or never promised to do so. I have seen two scows at Long Island under the derrick ready to unload, but I have not seen them unloading on the cars. Report says that they were unloaded, and I have seen street dirt along the line of the railroad. I never paid higher than thirty cents for the street dirt before I got it from Capt. Thorne.

To Mr. Andrews—I could not afford to pay anything for the street dirt if it was necessary to keep the boats waiting for a length of time to be loaded. I could afford to pay something if the boats could be loaded at once. It was reported to me a few days after my conversation with Mr. Charlick, I was informed that the man who had taken the money and given the receipt had been discharged.

To Gen Barlow—There are certain seasons of the year when the City ought to receive something for the sweepings, but there are other seasons when it is not worth taking away in sailing vessels. From May to October there might be some sold at a very reasonable figure.

To Mr. Andrews—If I was compelled to take all they carted, I would lose all the profits I might make during an advantageous season. I told Mr. Charlick that I would pay ten cents a load, when I could dispose of it to advantage, but that at other times he should take charge of it himself. I believe the City loses nothing by the privilege of unloading at Long Island.

Gen. Barlow—Do you mean to say that it is not more expensive to unload there than to take it down to Coney Island and throw it overboard? A.—Yes. It would be cheaper to pay the Long Island Railroad to unload it than to take it down the bay.

Q.—How do you account for that? A.—It could be done for nine cents the cubic yard, and the difference in towage would amount to more than that.

Gen. Barlow—It has been sworn here that, once the tugs are started, the difference in towage would be comparatively little in taking the scows to Newton Creek and to Coney Island.

Witness—That is not my experience in towing. I can get a scow from Twentieth street to Newtown Creek for $4, and from Thirty-seventh street on the North River, which is less than the distance to Coney Island, it costs me $10.

The Chairman—You hire the tugs? Yes.

The Chairman—But the City owns the tugs, and that makes a great difference. If you hire a horse and carriage to have a drive in New-York it is very different from when you have a horse and car of your own.

Gen. Barlow said there was a matter which he wished to bring before the committee, namely, the fact that Capt. Hyatt, who had been subpœnaed, had not yet put in an appearance. Nothing could be more strongly illustrative of the inefficiency of the department than their inability to procure the attendance of their own subordinates, who had been proved during the course of the investigation to have received $500.

The Chairman said that the committee would take action in the matter in their executive session.

Mr. Andrews said that there was a resolution of the Commissioners directing him to appear. The Police Department had the power to discharge him for refusing to attend, but that was the only power they had.

Frank Frett testified: I was employed as interpreter and general errand boy in the Department of Street Cleaning where the Italians were employed.

Q.—Did anybody collect any money there for electioneering purposes? A.—Mr. Brower, the foreman, came to me one day and said he wanted to collect $2 50 from each of the workmen, and if they did not pay it they would be discharged. I said I never heard of such a thing before, and he said he should have the money. He told me to inform all the men of it, and he would let me off for nothing. I told all the men what he said, and advised them not to pay him a cent. One day he called up all the men one by one, and after having been refused the money by about seven or eight he did not ask any more. He received $2 50 from a man named Jake, but finding he could not get anything from the others he returned it to him. I have frequently seen the rags and junk matter separated and carted off. I have also seen manure taken away.

A few Italian laborers were called, but being unable to make themselves understood, were excused.

John Hayes, a grocer, stated that he had two horses employed in the Street Department, and because of his refusal to pay a political assessment one horse was dropped off altogether and the other was only employed occasionally.

The committee then adjourned to Monday morning.

THE SALOON-KEEPERS.

A meeting of delegates of several German saloon-keepers' organizations was held at No. 77 Essex street, yesterday, for the purpose of forming a Central Committee. A committee was appointed, composed of Messrs. Martin, Nachtmann, Stern, and Scherind, to prepare a draft of a bill to be submitted to the Legislature, amending the Excise law in the interest of the beer retail trade, and proposing a reduction of the license fee for this branch of the trade. Delegates were present from Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Twenty-second Wards, where, it was reported, permanent organizations have been perfected. It was stated that the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Wards will be organized in the course of a week. A committee was nominated to submit a plan of permanent organization at the next meeting.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Marshal Conklin granted 269 licenses and received $331 50 last week.

The Customs receipts yesterday were $327,000, and for the week $2,438,400.

Mayor Havemeyer was occupied nearly all day yesterday in signing warrants.

Mr. Paul B. Du Chaillu sailed, yesterday, on the steamer Adriatic for Liverpool.

The new club-house of the Palette Club, No. 7 East Twenty-second street, was opened last evening.

The dividend on the preferred stock of the St. Paul Railroad will, it is said, be paid on Monday next.

A meeting of the New-York Liquor-dealers' Protective Union will be held at Masonic Hall tomorrow at 8 P. M.

Rev. Wayland Hoyt will preach his last sermon as Pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, at Steinway Hall, this evening.

It is reported that the Supreme Court will decide the question of the Presidency of the Board of Assistant Aldermen to-morrow.

Mr. Wm. H. Rickets, long an officer of the Supreme Court, has been appointed Crier of the Court, in the room of Jacob Valentine, removed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the New-York Cheap Transportation Association will be held at the rooms of the association on Monday at 4 P. M.

The remains of Antonio Barli, who shot Tarchini, on Prince street, on Tuesday last, and immediately committed suicide with the same pistol, were buried yesterday morning in Green-Wood.

The Sub-Treasury disbursed yesterday $59,000 in interest, and paid $53,000 for the redemption of called bonds, making $674,000 paid during the week for interest, and $453,000 for bonds redeemed.

James Cooper, aged thirty-five, the colored steward of the schooner Alta Vela, lying at Pier No. 6, East River, was found yesterday afternoon in the cabin of the schooner insensible from some unknown cause.

The Committee of Management of the proposed pilgrimage to Rome have so far modified their original programme as to invite such ladies, properly escorted, as may wish to participate in the exercises.

Mrs. Walter C. Lyman will deliver a lecture on the microscopic wonders of the blood, at Association Hall, on Monday, March 16. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

Thomas McCormick, whose appointment as Inspector of Weights and Measures was confirmed at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, presented himself at the Mayor's office yesterday and qualified.

The subcommittee of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives resumed its investigation into the affairs of the Ocean National Bank at the Grand Central Hotel yesterday morning.

A dramatic performance was given last evening at the Lexington Avenue Opera-house, Fifty-eighth street, near Third avenue, by the Murray Hill Amateur Dramatic Association, under the auspices of the Committee for the Relief of the Nineteenth Ward.

Mrs. Susan Everett, M. D., of Portland, Me., will give a free lecture to ladies to-morrow, at 3:30 P. M., in the lecture-room of the First Baptist Church, Park avenue, between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets. Her subject will be "Better Health for Women and Children."

A fracas occurred yesterday at Seventh avenue and Thirtieth street, between Peter Murphy, of No. 119 West Thirtieth street, and Charles Foley, of No. 142 West Nineteenth street, during which Murphy stabbed Foley through the hand, wounding him severely. Murphy was arrested.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Law Institute will be held at the library-room to-morrow at 1 o'clock P. M. The committee appointed to draft resolutions in regard to the death of the late James W. Gerard (of which Mr. James C. Carter is Chairman) will then submit their report.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Judson, widow of Don Manuel Carvallo, late Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary from the Republic of Chili to France, England, and Belgium, and formerly Minister from Chili to the United States, will take place at Trinity Chapel on Tuesday next at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Phœbe W. Couzins, L.L. B., delivers her lecture on the "Higher Education of Women," Monday evening at 8 o'clock, for the first time in this City, at the Hall of Rutgers Female College, No. 489 Fifth avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, for the benefit of the Alumni Trust fund.

The German Liederkranz gave a testimonial concert last evening to Mr. A. Paur, the conductor of the society, at Steinway Hall. The exercises consisted of the overture, "Tannhauser," Wagner, Orchestra; "Vorbée," J. Graf and F. Steins; Scherzo, Opus 20, Mr. S. B. Mills; and eight scenes from the Odyssee, by full chorus.

The steam-ship Wisconsin, of the Williams & Guion Line, is several days overdue at Liverpool, causing considerable anxiety. She left this port Tuesday, Feb. 17. The steamer Holland sailed the same day and reached Liverpool on Wednesday night last. The City of Montreal, that left Liverpool about forty hours after the Wisconsin left New-York, arrived here this morning.

Hon. Caleb Cushing, the new United States Minister to Spain, sailed yesterday for Europe in the steamer St. Laurent, of the French Transatlantic Line. Upon his arrival at Havre it is his intention to proceed first to Paris, and after a stay of a few days in that city, to proceed to Madrid and assume the duties of his position. A large number of his personal friends were in attendance at the wharf to witness his departure.

The return game of billiards between Messrs. T. Roe and G. Mallory, of No. 199 Bowery, and Messrs. J. T. Gleason and J. Murphy, of No. 161 Bowery, took place at Gleason's on Friday night, and was not ended until yesterday morning. They played 300 points up, three-ball French caroms, for a purse. The game resulted in favor of Messrs. Roe and Mallory. Score: Roe, 153; Mallory, 147; Gleason, 148; Murphy, 92. Messrs Roe and Mallory also won the first game.

The steamer Tybee was to have sailed yesterday for San Domingo with a number of excursionists, of whom the greater part are interested in the Samana Bay Company. Owing to an accident to the machinery of the steamer, however, she did not sail before this morning. Among the company, which expects to return within a month, are the following prominent passengers: Gov. Faben, Capt. Samuels, with wife; Mr Daniel Chauncey, of Brooklyn, with wife; Mr. Cromwell, of Boston, with daughter; Dr. Ygas, of San Domingo, with wife; and Dr. Howe, of Boston, his wife, the celebrated Mrs. Julia Ward Howe.

BROOKLYN.

The Police made 531 arrests during the week.

The taxes collected during the week amount to $71,531 65.

Canon Kingsley lectures next Wednesday at the Academy of Music on "Civilization—Its Beginning and Its End."

The trial of Ex-City Treasurer Sprague on an indictment charging him with embezzling the city money, is set down for Monday.

Rev. G. B. Porteous will preach in the North Reformed Church this morning, and in the First Reformed Church, in Joralemon street, in the evening.

Mayor Hunter is to have the use of the Auditor's office while some alterations and repairs, which will be commenced this week, are in progress in his own office.

The jury in the case of McGarry vs. Loomis, where $15,000 was claimed as damages for the scalding of plaintiff's child, brought in a verdict of $5,000 for the plaintiff.

There are said to be six Democratic candidates for the Aldermanship of the Sixth Ward, made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Rodman to the office of District Attorney.

In the case of Maria Loretz against her husband, to recover $2,000 which he had transferred from her account on an order which she unwillingly gave him, Judge Tappan yesterday rendered a decision for the plaintiff.

The demand for houses in Brooklyn by New-Yorkers is greater this year than in any previous year in the memory of Brooklyn house agents. The class of houses most in demand are those in respectable localities that rent for about $600 a year

The Lager-Beer Dealers' Association has announced its intention of taking the case of Pressmeyer vs. the Board of Police and Excise to the Court of Appeals if defeated in the General Term of the Supreme Court, to which they have appealed from the decision of Judge Pratt.

In the case of A. Howell, Receiver, vs. The Long Island Club, which is an application to have the stay of proceedings previously granted against the Sheriff to restrain him from levying and selling the defendant's property, Justice Tappan yesterday morning decided to vacate the stay of proceedings, with $10 costs. The property will be sold to satisfy the creditors.

Under the directions of Bishop Loughlin, of Brooklyn, the Church temperance societies of Brooklyn are making great preparations for a grand temperance demonstration to be held in the Academy of Music on March 10, at 7:30 P. M. Sixteen societies will attend in a body. The clergy of Brooklyn have expressed their desire to be present to indorse the movement. Rev. W. Keegan and Dr. Friel will deliver addresses.

Counsel on both sides submitted the papers without argument, yesterday, to Judge Gilbert, in the case of Jacob North, Member of Assembly, who obtained a mandamus to compel the County Assessors to admit him to a seat in their board. It is claimed that North vacated the Assessorship by accepting the office of Assemblyman. The Judge reserved his decision.

LONG ISLAND.

Rev. Joshua Kimber, of Flushing, has accepted a call to the Episcopal Church at Richmond Hill.

Rev. Middlediteh, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Flushing, has sent in his resignation, which has been accepted.

A great revival is now in progress in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Springfield, Rev. L. P. Avery, Pastor. Over forty persons have professed conversion.

At a meeting of the Flushing Sportsmen's Club, held on Friday night, it was resolved to apply to the Legislature for the passage of an act making it a legally incorporated body.

A ladies' apron fair and poor men's supper, held in Long Island City, for creating a fund for the purpose of erecting a new Methodist parsonage on Sixth street, adjoining the church, was a success, the net receipts reaching nearly $300.

Some of the papers have stated that at the County Court of Suffolk County, to convene at Richmond, in March, the 16th inst., the Kelsey case would come up for trial. This is a mistake; it will not be tried until the April term of the Oyer and Terminer. The case of young Prime, for burglary, will come on, however, and will no doubt excite much interest, as testimony will probably be introduced bearing directly upon the Kelsey case. Otherwise the calendar is unimportant.

At the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Newtown, it was resolved to call a special election to-morrow in each town in Queens County, for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the people in regard to the repeal of the Court-house act. The supervisors from Long Island City, Flushing, and Newtown, were opposed to any such movement, and voted against it. They thought the Supervisors had no right to call an election for this purpose, and there will be no election in these towns. The other town in the county will vote on the question.

The following gentlemen have been chosen to manage the affairs of the Central Railroad Company of Long Island for the ensuing year: Loomis L. White, Flushing; Herman Funke, Hugo Funke, H. C. Poppenhusen, A. Poppenhusen, Henry Karstedt, Clarke Point; E. B. Rinaldo, Flushing; Carl Victor, New-York; John D. Locke, Whitestone; Charles A. Hoyt, Iwan Van Awan, F. A. Boker, New-York. It is almost useless to call any meeting of the stockholders for the election of Directors, for the reason that of the 2,900 shares, Mr. Conrad Poppenhusen alone owns 1,500, while Loomis L. White own 250. The form has to be gone through with, however, simply for legal reasons.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mr. James Williamson has been appointed Postmaster of Sing Sing.

An oyster was opened in Port Chester a few days ago containing 186 small pearls.

The Board of Supervisors of Westchester County will hold another meeting on Tuesday morning.

Rev. Charles H. Burr, Jr., has been ordained and installed as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Riverdale.

The residents of Sing Sing are moving in favor of procuring a steam fire engine for the fire department of that place.

An annual missionary meeting and sacred concert will be held at the North Sing Sing M. E. Church this afternoon.

A report like an earthquake aroused the people in the neighborhood of Port Chester about 2:30 o'clock on Friday morning.

The temperance societies of White Plains are perfecting their plans to compel sellers of liquor to close their establishments on the Sabbath.

Croton Lake has been successfully stocked with salmon trout. They were brought from the hatching establishment at Caledonia, N. Y., without change of water.

The suit instituted by John Trainor against Roundsman Bogart, of Tremont, for alleged assault and battery, claiming damages to the amount of $5,000, was tried before Justice Tappen, resulting in a verdict of not guilty.

A new epidemic has made its appearance among horses in Westchester County, with fatal results. Mr. Sherwood, of East Chester, is reported to have lost five; Mr. Wm. C. Havens, of Jerome, one; and Peter Briggs, of Jerome, two.

The small-pox, which prevailed to an alarming extent in the town of West Chester a short time ago, has abated. All the houses in which it existed were thoroughly fumigated and cleansed, since which time no new cases have been reported.

The south-western section of the Town of West Chester, which was included in the First School District of West Farms prior to the annexation of the last-named town to the City, has since escaped taxation for school purposes to the amount of $4,000.

At the annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, at Port Chester, Mr. H. L. Banks and Mr. William Ritch were elected Trustees for the ensuing three years. The members composing the new board are Messrs. E. Sours, Noah Stiles, E. C. Raymond, H. L. Banks and Wm. Ritch.

Heretofore no record has been made by the Town Clerk of East Chester of the leases of lots bid off to the town at the sale of lots for unpaid taxes, so that, although the town has been paying thousands of dollars a year for them, no one can tell where they are, or where they go. Supervisor Pemberton has given instructions to have the matter properly attended to for the future, or at least as long as he shall remain in the office he now fills.

A bill has been introduced in the Assembly to amend the City Court act of Yonkers. The amendment gives the City Court civil jurisdiction for the recovery of money to the extent of $1,000 and interest, exclusive of costs of disbursements, provided one of the parties to the action be a resident of Yonkers, or of one of the adjoining towns in the County of Westchester, or where the defendant shall have property within the City of Yonkers, which may be taken on attachment or execution.

STATEN ISLAND.

Rev. Dr. Theodore Irving will preach at the Church of the Ascension, West Brighton, to-day, at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

A pleasant entertainment was given Friday evening by the teachers of Calvary Presbyterian Sunday-school, at West New-Brighton, to their brethren and sisters in the Sunday-school work on the North Shore.

Yesterday Coroner Lea, of Stapleton, held an inquest upon the body of a male infant found upon the shore at Clifton. Mr Oats, undertaker, sent the remains to the county burying-ground for interment.

At the Spring election at Richmond, in addition to the regular party tickets, it is said that both grange and temperance candidates will be in the field. It is also rumored that an anti-temperance ticket will be nominated.

During the Winter Mr. O'Brien has taken about 1,500 tons of iron ore from the Ellingwood mines at the Clove road, and it has been delivered on the dock at Stapleton for shipment this Spring to the Pennsylvania and other furnaces. Most of the ore averages from fifty to seventy-five per cent.

A meeting of the beer and liquor dealers of Staten Island will be held to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M., to perfect the organization of the "Beer and Liquor Dealers' Association of Richmond County," a preliminary meeting having been held on Monday last. The association invites membership from dealers of all nationalities.

NEW-JERSEY.

The bondsmen of Union Hill's absconded Treasurer, Bernhard, have given their notes, payable in one year, for $10,000, the balance of the defalcation.

A Pennsylvania Railroad freight car ran off the trestle-work yesterday, near the Point of Rocks, Jersey City, causing some damage and a slight delay to travel.

Capt. John Newcroft, of the coal barge Cornelia, lying at South Amboy, while walking over the deck of the boat on Friday last fell into the aft hatchway, and was instantly killed.

It is rumored in Jersey City that the defaulting Treasurer Hamilton has been captured, and that he will arrive in the city to-day. The police authorities decline to give any information on the subject.

The Hudson County Hospital, which has been closed for some months, is now in operation again under the name of the Hudson County Church Hospital. The institution is under the control of the Episcopalian clergymen of the county.

County Physician Buck yesterday granted a permit for the burial of Mrs. Josephine Faist, who committed suicide in Hoboken on Friday by taking Paris green. She had been in ill health for several months, and this is supposed to have been the motive which impelled her to the commission of the rash act.

Four adjoining houses on Mercer street, Jersey City, were entered by burglars early yesterday morning and thoroughly ransacked. It is presumed that they were in search of plate or jewelry, from the fact that some plated ware was broken up and discarded as valueless. The thieves did not get any plunder.

The various temperance and benevolent Irish organizations in Jersey City have completed the arrangements for their annual parade on St. Patrick's Day. Fifteen societies will participate in the celebration. In the evening the Friendly Sons of Ireland will have their annual banquet at Taylor's Hotel.

While a number of men were engaged yesterday in tearing down the old sheds on the Bremen steam-ship dock, Hoboken, one of the sheds fell in with a loud crash, burying a workman in the ruins. He was taken out insensible and carried to the residence of Dr. Chambert, who pronounced his wounds dangerous but not necessarily fatal.

Wm. Mackridge and E. C. Coulson were almost suffocated by gas last night, at their lodging-rooms, No. 140 Mulberry street, Newark. They had been drinking to excess during the evening, and about midnight they blew out the gas and retired to bed. About an hour later another boarder happened to pass the room, when he was almost overpowered by the escaping fumes. He aroused the sleepers in time to save their lives.

At the annual meeting of the Woodside Rowing Club, held at the Continental Hotel, Newark, on the 5th inst., the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, R. Smith Carter; Vice-President, J. H. Osborn; Secretary, W. A. Lentilhon; Treasurer, Joseph A. Druytons; Captain, Wm. Robison; Directors, J. Hendricks, Peter Willer, George Nevers, C. B. Rogers, J. H. Eastwood, and Edward Benson.

Several sentences were pronounced in the Essex County Sessions, at Newark, yesterday. Among those sentenced were a number of liquor-dealers who were charged with a violation of the Sunday Liquor law. Stephen Stoddard and William Miller, the two boys who robbed a house in Orange and then set fire to it, were sentenced to the State Prison for four years each, and fined $200.....George D. Ashley, for having stolen the funds of Nutna Lodge, was sentenced to the State Prison for three years.....George Rooke, for having assaulted Richard Bradshaw, was fined $100 and costs.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.—The special or Fifth avenue style of dress hat manufactured by KNOX will be ready for inspection on Saturday, the 7th inst.
E. M. KNOX, Fifth Avenue Hotel.

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A SPECIALTY.—KNOX'S Spring style a specialty. Ready now. KNOX, No. 212 Broadway, corner Fulton st.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship St. Laurent, for Havre.—Hon. Caleb Cushing, United States Minister to Spain, Charles D. Tyng, Secretary to Hon. Caleb Cushing, and man servant, Dr. Alberti, Valentine, Fernand Sanquet, Geo. Measnin, F. Farr, A. D. Beache, U. United States Navy, Mrs. A. D. Beache, child, and nurse, Mrs. E. Dewey, D. D. Allen, Adrian Varaldi, Mrs. Gen. Quesada, Miss H. Quesada, Miss C. Quesada, Miss Gilwin Quesada, M. Carrefson, Mme. Louise Thieffine, W. W. Tilghman, Chas. Lormier, Rev. Dr. H. C. Fish, F. S. Fish, Miss D. J. Fish, Dr. D. J. Yerkers, Mme. Don Bernard, Emanual Bernard, Daniel Paul, Mrs. De Busslores and maid, A. G. Fossati, Rev. Claude Clairre, Mr. Dumonpallier, Mrs. Catherine Seiwert, Jean Pierson, Walter Pigon, Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Mr. Meyer and child, Mr. Matilde Huohu, F. W. Perkins, Miss Angeline Spilmont, Jacques Hsarscher, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Delahaye and child, Flamand Joseph, Jules Daiz, Nicolas Guillaume, Henry Delaunotte, Miss Abbie P. Nichols, George Upton, Mrs. George Upton, Miss Sarah F. Upton, Mrs. E. W. Upton, Master Upton, E. M. Lellevre, Michel Formal, Victor Roussel, Claude Clair, Mr. Perrier.

In steam-ship Adriatic, for Liverpool.—Mrs. Stewart, R. W. Stewart, A. P. Jewell, Charles Myers, George de Pardonnet, Mrs. de Pardonnet, Master E. de Pardonnet, Master George de Pardonnet, (infant,) Mrs. de Pardonnet, William H. Kimball, R. Cornell White, W. G. Comerford, Paul du Chaillu, E. L. Bellhouse, Mrs. Bellhouse, G. Somers